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Meacher derides 'dream ticket' as recipe for conflict

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mr Michael Meacher, the left-wing contender for Labour's deputy leadership, has denounced the "dream ticket" concept of a Neil Kinnock-Roy Hattersley team as a recipe for continued destructive internal wrangling.

Mr Meacher, whose prospects in the race for the deputy post look far brighter than when the contest started, did not name Mr Kinnock or Mr Hattersley, but said that some people had talked about a so-called balanced ticket for the leadership: "putting together two persons who are fundamentally opposed in their views". That was not a dream ticket but a conflict ticket.

He added: "After all, isn't that what we're supposed to have had in the last three years, and if that was less than a resounding success, why should a younger version of the same thing be expected to do any better?"

Mr Meacher's comments came in the statements of views on various issues which he and the other candidates submitted to the Post Office Engineering Union. There have been published in the union's journal the *News*.

The union's executive council decided on Tuesday that its members vote for a Kinnock-Meacher combination in the branch ballot it is holding on the leadership.

Mr Meacher, the MP for Oldham West, asked for the union's support on the grounds that if the Labour Party was to regain credibility and force it was vital that it had a leadership that spoke with one voice, and was in tune wth the Labour conference and the aspirations of the labour movement.

"The way to future peace within the party, which is so desperately needed, is through a joint leadership, a unity ticket where both the leader and deputy leader are committed to implementing the agreed policing of the party", he said.

Mr Meacher then made clear tht he was opposed to reintroduction of incomes policy, in favour of unilateralism and withdrawal from the EEC, and oppsed to the reversal of recent "constitutional" changes in the Party like the electoral college.

Most of the candidates' statements were broadly similar to their personal manifestos and the policy speeches they have already made.

Mr Hattersley took head-on the issue of incomes policy, which he is expected to develop in a major speech next week, and said that an essential ingredient of Labour's prescription for recovery must be "an agreement with the trade unions about the overall level of money wages which will allow growth without inflation".

He repeated his calls for changes in the party's policies on defence and the EEC, and urged "massive changes" at the party headquarters with the understanding that if Labour was to win the marginal seats needed for victory it would have to recruit 200 agents to organize the local parties.

He said: "I am therefore unapologetically the candidate of change and improvement. That does not make me the most comfortable or least controversial of the contestants. But it makes me the candidate of the hard truth".

Mr Kinnock, the comfortable front-runner in the leadership race, gives notice today that, if elected, he will reorganize Labour's front bench to incorporate a new post of social services spokesman, in addition to the existing posts of health and social security spokesmen.

Writing in *Community Care*, he says the the party needs to do much more to play a leading role in the development of the social services to ensure that they are given national prominence.

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Seamen to share salvage pay-out

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The 37 crew members of the minesweeper Crichton are to share among themselves a handsome payout for helping to save a blazing West German freighter.

According to Queen's Regulations, the captain, Lieutenant Simon Thomas will get three times as much of the salvage money as his chief petty officer and six times the share of an able seaman – all negotiated on their behalf by the Ministry of Defence.

Exactly how much each man will get is not yet known; however, the ship they saved, the West German freighter the Dellstedt, is probably worth nearly £1m in insurance.

Their good fortune follows an outbreak of fire in the 499-ton Dellstedt's engine room, 22 miles south west of Newhaven. Lieutenant Thomas put a firefighting crew on board and, after an eight-hour struggle, and with the help of the Sealink tug, Meeching, the blaze was put out and the freighter towed into Newhaven on Tuesday night. Lieutenant Thomas secured a Lloyd's open form of salvage agreement.

The agreement is basically a document carried in the captain's locker of most international vessels. When a ship goes to the assistance of another, these documents are signed and exchanged, the respective captains thereby being secure in the knowledge that should there be any argument over salvage, the matter will be referred to Lloyd's arbitrators.

The Ministry of Defence said that it agreed with the Dellsted's insurers



Delighted smile from one of the ship's officers, Lieutenant David Smyth.

Dollar up on fears of higher US rates

By Peter Wilson-Smith Banking Correspondent

The dollar surged ahead again on foreign exchange markets yesterday, after Tuesday's brief respite. Funds flowed into the dollar to take advantage of high interest rates, amid speculation that rates across the Atlantic could soon move higher still.

The dollar reached record-breaking levels against the franc and several other European currencies and closed near a ten-year high against the Deutschemark – up 3½pfennings at DM2.7245.

However the pound remained firm. Although it slipped 1.1 cents against the dollar to $1.4820, sterling strengthened against other currencies helped by confidence in the level of oil prices. Its trade-weighted value was up 0.2 to 84.8.

There is a growing conviction that firmer US interest rates may soon force American banks to push up their prime lending rates by a further ½ per cent on top of the ½per cent rise to 11 per cent announced on Monday. Tomorrow's United States money supply figures are expected to be akey influence on the trend.

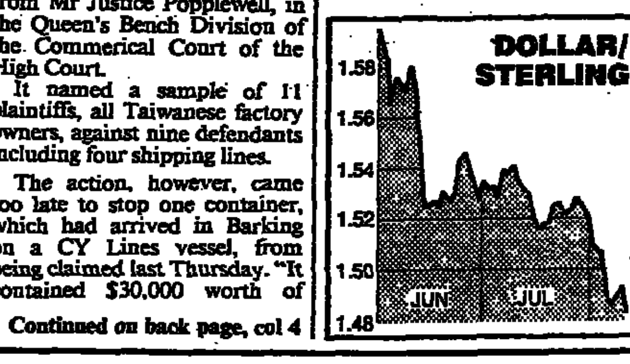
Although higher US interest rates could add to the dollar's strength, markets remain relaxed about prospects for sterling.

Sterling has largely escaped the heavy selling pressure depressing European currencies and the Bank of England has stood back from intervention

Dealers do not believe a further rise in US interest rates would immediately affect the level of British rates unless sterling began to fall.

Should sterling weaken sharply it would pose problems for the Government. The Treasury would probably be happy to see sterling lower against Continental currencies but not against the dollar.

The lastest bout of dollar buying was sparked off by remarks from Herr Otto Pöhl, president of the West German Federal Bank, and another senior Bonn official. These convinced markets that the German central bank will not raise interest rates to protect the mark when the central bank council meets today, and that the German authorities are unlikely for the time being to attempt further heavy intervention to support the mark.



Lebanese ministers kidnapped

Druze gunmen last night kidnapped three Lebanese government ministers, including the Minister of Finance, as they returned from a meeting in the Chouf mountains south-east of Beirut. They were taken to the Druze capital of Moughtara, which has supported Syria's opposition to the Gemayel Government

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Thatcher rest

Mrs Thatcher leaves tomorrow for a private holiday in Switzerland. Her opthalmic surgeon said he was pleased with her progress.

Record breaker

Tom McClean, the lone British sailor, has broken the small boat record for crossing the Atlantic, landing in Porto de Leixoes, Portugal in his 7ft 9in boat Giltspur.

Hunted man dies

The body of a man wanted in connexion with the murder of Mr Peter Arne, the actor, has been found in the Thames. Police say the murder inquiry goes on.

Opening shot

The Peak National Park is seeking a county court injunction to stop anti-field sport groups disrupting grouse shooting when the season opens tomorrow, the Glorious Twelfth

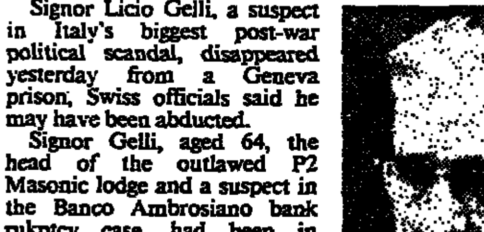
£65m bid fight

Norcros, the industrial conglomerate, has launched a £65m bid for UBM, Britain's biggest quoted builders merchants. UBM says it will fight it Page 13



Cauthen banned

Steve Cauthen, the American jockey was banned for eight days Page 19



P2 scandal chief vanishes from jail

From Our Correspondent, Geneva

Signor Licio Gelli, a suspect in Italy's biggest post-war political scandal, disappeared yesterday from a Geneva prison, Swiss officials said he may have been abducted.

Signor Gelli, aged 64, the head of the outlawed P2 Masonic lodge and a suspect in the Banco Ambrosiano bank rukptcy case, had been in custody for almost a year while Swiss authorities investigated a request for his extradition to Italy, where he faces charges of fraud, tax evasion, bribery and conspiracy.

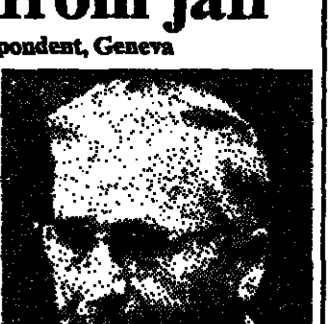
Swiss police said his disappearance from the high security Champ Dollon prison would have required outside help. Frontiers were being watched.

"Certain things suggest that Gelli did not leave his cell voluntarily." Judge Jacques Foex, in charge of the extradition inquiry, was quoted as saying.

Signor Gelli's lawyer said evidence had been found that a violent struggle took place in his cell. Traces of blood and a syringe were found in the cell and other signs of a struggle were discovered in the corridor.

A police patrol found a hole cut in the wire fence surrounding the prison. The alarm was sounded at 7am when Signor Gelli's cell was found to be empty except for a stuffed dummy wearing his prison pyjamas.

Last year, Roberto Calvi, another P2 member and former president of the Banco Ambrosiano, was found hanging from Blackfriars Bridge, London. His family said he was murdered.



Signor Gelli: May have been kidnapped.

The theory that Signor Gelli was kidnapped appears plausible in so far as a final decision on extradition was due on August 19. A verdict had been deferred because the Swiss authorities had many points regarding Signor Gelli's connexions to elucidate after he was arrested here last September, negotiating a large sum in travellers cheques.

There are certainly many people in Italy, and elswere, with reason to be apprehensive about his knowledge of the affairs of the Ambrosiano bank and of the financial doings of Calvi, whose right-hand man he was.

● ROME: Signor Gelli's escape was proof he had a "network of powerful friends," Signor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, said. "The flight of Gelli confirms that the grand master has a network of powerful friends."

Fierce fight for key outpost in Chad

Ndjamena (Reuter, AP) – Libyan-backed rebels were engaged in fierce fighting yesterday with Government troops around the oasis of Fava-Largeau, Chadian and Western military sources said.

The rebel assault with two armoured columns on Faya-Largeau, a strategic Government stronghold 650 miles north of here, came as a first contingent of 40 French paratroops arrived in Chad from the Central African Republic.

The two sides issued contradictory claims about the state of the fighting.

A rebel spokesman in Paris said the insurgents had captured the town but Mr Mahamat Soumaila, the Chad Information Minister, denied this and said: "The rebels are being routed."

The Chad Embassy in Paris said the two rebel columns included some 3,000 members of an "Islamic Legion" recruited by Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader.

In Washington, the State Department said: "We have received information that the town has fallen. We're not in a position to deny it but we certainly cannot confirm it."

Diplomatic sources in Ndjamena said it was too early to say whether the assault heralded an all-out rebel offensive, including a push southwards.

Government officials said defences on the countrty's eastern flank near the Sudanese border were being strengthened but did not elaborate. They welcomed the arrival of Frnech paratroops but said French aid to its foemer colony was still insufficient.

● CAIRO: The start of joint US–Egyptian manoeuvres was delayed yesterday by the fighting in Chad, Egyptian defence sources said (Reuter reports).

The 5,500 American troops arriving to take part in Operation Bright Star were camped in the Western desert. The operation is designed to test US-Egyptian cooperation in the event of an emergency requiring the introduction of American troops in the Middle East.

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High Court action to thwart $25m Taiwan shipping fraud

By John Lawless

A London High Court judge yesterday issued an injunction to stop goods worth $25m (£16m) arriving in Britain from Taiwan from being claimed by the man who is alleged to have acqured them through fraud.

Officials of the London-based International Maritime Bureau have contacted all shipping lines with vessels arriving at British ports to warn them that certain container loads of goods may have been stolen.

"The fraud appears to have involved enough goods to fill a superstore", Mr Eric Allen, the bureau's director and former Chief Constable of the Port of London Police Authority, said. "I have sent a full report to the Director of Public Prosecutions."

He said that the bureau was receiving shipping documents daily from Taiwan which could add considerably to the value of the goods which have gone missing.

The investigation started after more than 100 Taiwanese manufacturers discovered that cheques they had been given to pay for products being shipped to Britain, and possibly elsewhere in Europe and the United States, were worthless.

"They had been dealing with the man who had ordered the goods for between three to five years", Mr Raveen Arora, a chartered accountant and industrial consultant, who took out the High Court injunction yesterday on the factory owners' behalf, said.

"He had their trust and, according to an accepted payments practice in Taiwan, they had taken post-dated cheques against shipments of the goods.

"It was only when the cheques bounced that they went to the man's house and discovered that it and his business premises had been mortgaged to a bank. The man and his wife had disappeared."

Mr Arora obtained the injunction against goods being handed over by shipping lines from Mr Justice Popplewell, in the Queen's Bench Division of the Commerical Court of the High Court.

It named a sample of 11 plaintiffs, all Taiwanese factory owners, against nine defendants including four shipping lines.

The action, however, came too late to stop one container, which had arrived in Barking on a CY Lines vessel, from being claimed last Thursday. "It contained $30,000 worth of

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Package holidays to cost double by Concorde

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Package holidays by Concorde will be on sale for the first time this winter to Florida, the Caribbean and Egypt. But if the holiday-maker reaches his Barbados beach in half the time, he will be paying more than twice the price for the privilege.

Two holiday firms have made deals with British Airways: Kuoni to Florida, Barbados, and Antigua; and Thomson to Cairo both ways by Concorde at £878, one-way Concorde and one-way Egyptair £599, and both ways Egyptair £317. Kuoni offers a week in Barbados one-way Concorde at £1,064, both ways by subsonic jet £486.

Because the Caribbean is beyond Concorde's 3,600-mile range, the aircraft will refuel at New York or Washington. It will be Concorde's first visit to the Caribbean apart from a special flight to pick up the Queen in Barbados.

The two deals are the first to use Concorde as part of a package holiday programme but come on top of rising use of the aircraft for charter flights which are keeping two of British Airways' six aircraft increasingly busy.

Heading the list are Cunard's very popular transatlantic trips one-way by the QE2 and one-way by Concorde.

A new range of "cheapie" flights to the Mediterranean this winter was announced by Cosmos Holidays yesterday. Examples: (cheapest advance booking scheduled return in brackets) are: Majorca £69 (£131); Tenerife £123 (£135); Algarve £79 (£174); Malta £91 (£150); Naples £92 (£125); and Greece £134 (£150).

Australia II keel measures up to America's Cup rules

By Barry Picthall

American moves to have the radical keel of the America's Cup challenge contester Australia II outlawed failed yesterday.

The International Measurement Committee, chaired by Tony Watts, from Britain, reaffirmed on the eve of the semi-final series off Rhode Island, that the Australian yacht does measure as a 12-metre.

The radical Ben Lexcen design, which is challenging through the Royal Turf Yacht Club, has dominated the preliminary challenge trials against her six rivals, including Britain's Victory '83, scoring 36 wins in 42 races, and is seen by the Americans as the first real challenge for the trophy first won from Britain by the schooner America in a race round the Isle of Wight in 1851.

The Australian yacht, skippered by John Bertrand, has shown outstanding acceleration and manoeuvrability and consistently outpaced her rivals to windward. She carries at the base of its narrow-sectioned keel a lead bulb with protruding fins.

The Americans have argued that, while the yacht undoubtedly measures as a 12-metre when upright, the downward sloping fins have the effect of increasing her draught when the yacht is heeled.

In a telex sent last night to Sir William Fesq, Commodore of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Mr Watts wrote: "The Measurement Committee unanimously reaffirm that the keel of Australia II is legal."

Mr Ben Lexcen, designer of Australia II, began developing this idea three years ago, after seeing the results of a research programme on the design of aircraft tail wings by the Fokker company while he was tank-testing models

The Australian found that, while a narrow-sectioned keel reduced drag, the lead bulb and ballasted fins improved the righting moment and provided an end-plate effect to the foil, which increased lift.

Though arguing over the legitimacy of Mr Lexcen's keel design, the Americans themselves experimented almost 10 years ago on Courageous, the successful America's Cup defender in both 1974 and 1977.

Ted Hood, her skipper in the 1974 series, when the Stephen's design beat Southern Cross, Alan Bond's first Australian challenge, with four straight wins, said yesterday:

"We tried a less extreme winged keel, but it seemed that the boat lost more off wind than we gained on the wind."

Competing yachts, though termed as 12 metres, measure not to any specific length but to a complex formula derived from more than 50 measurements, including waterline and overall length, draught, beam, displacement and sail area, which must compute to 12 metres.

The equation used to measure all yachts

$$\frac{L + 2D - F + \sqrt{S}}{2.37}$$

(L = length, D = girth, S = sail area, F = freeboard).



Cleared: The controversial keel of Autralia II, challenged by the Americans

Three golds for Lewis

Carl Lewis, of the United States, confirmed himself as the world's pre-eminent male athlete when he won two gold medals at the world championships in Helsinki yesterday, taking this tally for the competition to three. Lewis won the long jump with a leap of 28 ft ¾ in and, less than an hour later, helped set a world record in the men's 4 x 100 metres relay. On Monday he won the 100 metres. Another world record was set yesterday by Jarmila Kratochvilova, of Czechoslovkia, who won the women's 400 metres in 47.99 sec.

Britain won her first medal of the championships when the women's 4 x 100 metres relay team of Joan Baptiste, Kathy Cook, Bev Callender and Shirley Thomas finished second behind East Germany

Britain's Wendy Sly had an outstanding run in the women's 3,000 metres, breaking the British and Commonwealth records in finishing fifth behind the formidable Mary Decker, of the United States. At the end of the fourth day of competition the United States led the medals table with five gold medals and a total of 15

Joseph aims to introduce economic 'facts of life' into the classroom

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Economics or the economic "facts of life" should be taught to school children, Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Education, believes. Private talks are taking place with that aim in mind.

He has written to all his senior civil servants, including the senior economic adviser at the Department of Education and Science and the school inspectors (HMIs), asking them for their comments.

Responses have been flowing back and discussions are expected to take place in the autumn about how and whether children should be taught about basic economic facts and specifically, how an economy works in a free and pluralistic society.

The issue has been one of Sir Keith's prime concerns since he first arrived in the department in 1981. But he knows that there is no question of him being able to control the curriculum, even if he wanted to. Nor, it is understood, does he wish to indoctrinate children with his own economic dogma.

Some of the economists at the Department of Education and Science are concerned because he has strong views about the importance of private industry and business in wealth creation. Other civil servants say Sir Keith is sophisticated enough to appreciate that there are different interpretations of the ways economics work.

The debate is still at an early stage but not if he decides to act, the most he can probably do initially is to issue a consultative document.

Teachers may well not respond kindly to that. Many will almost certainly see it as another imposition on an already overcrowded curriculum and will point out that they are already teaching "the economic facts of life" through one subject or another.

However, compared with West Germany, English education contains relatively little awareness of the political and economic context in which we live. The number of examination passes in economics has remained remarkably constant over the past three years.

Last summer there were 26,214 passes at A level, 23,933 at O level and 19,396 graded passes at CSE in all English examination boards. Sir Keith has consulted the permanent secretary and the deputy secretaries, as well as Mr Bernard Cullen, the senior economic adviser, and Mr Michael Le Guillou, the HMI for economics.

Education adviser for No 10

The Prime Minister is to have an adviser on education and training attached to her policy unit at 10 Downing Street. He is Mr Oliver Letwin, aged 27 and a former special adviser to Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education (Our Education Correspondent writes).

Mr Letwin, who was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, has been recruited by Mr Ferdinand Mount, the *Spectator's* former columnist, who runs the unit. The announcement will be made tomorrow.

The son of a well-known figure in education, Mr Letwin has had a meteoric career. He was recruited by Sir Keith last year out of an academic life at Cambridge.

His job at Downing Street will be to act as a channel of communication but many in the education world are likely to see his move across the river as fresh evidence that the Government means business where education is concerned. Some will see him as the Prime Minister's spy at the department where he is expected to continue to spend time and to do some work for Sir Keith.

Mr Letwin ruffled the feathers of teachers and others with his outspoken comments of horror after visits to state schools.



Simon Jenkins with his sister Nicola in Hartlepool before his operation.

Marrow graft for boy of two

Simon Jenkins, aged two, was in a satisfactory condition yesterday after becoming the youngest patient to receive a bone marrow transfusion in an operation at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton, Surrey. The donor was his sister, Nicola, aged eight.

The hospital said: "It seems so far to have gone satisfactorily." But it would be another few days before doctors could say whether the transfusion had been a success. The boy has battled for most of his life against leukaemia.

The operation comes after several setbacks. Simon was duw to have the operation six weeks ago, but suffered a sudden relapse and was taken to the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle upon Tyne.

After chemotherapy treatment, the flare-up was checked and Mrs Jenkins and Mr Andrew Jenkins, aged 28, her husband, were told that Simon had been cleared. Then side-effects from drugs reduced his ability to fight infection and he became ill again before becoming well enough for the transfusion.

Extensive tests were performed on his parents and relatives to find a suitable donor before it was found that Nicola's bone marrow was an ideal match

Mrs Julie Jenkins, aged 29, travelled with her son from her home in Selby Grove, Hartlepool, to the hospital 10 days ago and Nicola arrived at the hospital last Thursday.

Soldier on Belfast murder charge

From Richard Ford, Belfast

A soldier aged 18 appeared in court yesterday, charged with murdering Thomas Reilly after what the police described as a fracas between an army foot patrol and a group of young men in west Belfast.

Private Ian Thain, of the Third Company, 1st Battallion Light Infantry, was accused of murdering Reilly, aged 23, who was single and lived in the strong republican Turf Lodge area of the city. Mr Reilly, who was unemployed, was dead on arrival in hospital after being hit by a single shot near his home on Tuesday afternoon.

His brother James, a founder member of the pop group Stiff Little Fingers, was travelling home yesterday from the United States where he has been touring with another band. Mr Reilly had spent some time in England, where he had worked as a roadie for several pop groups.

Private Thain made a brief appearance at Belfast Magistrates' Court. He was not represented and his address was given as the Fort Whiterock army base on the Springfield Road in Belfast.

The Crown said it would not oppose bail provided Private Thain was kept in military custody and did not leave the jurisdiction of the Northern Ireland court.

An officer from his regiment agreed and Private Thain was bailed to appear at the court on September 9.

Within hours of the court hearing sporadic rioting broke out again in West Belfast. People living near where the dead man came from complained of a large armed presence in the area.

At least six vehicles were hijacked and set alight. Last night police told motorists to stay out of west Belfast unless their journey was essential.

Most of the disturbances were in the Lower Falls area and White Rock, where 2,000 people attended a protest called by Provisional Sinn Fein against the shooting. Relatives and friends placed a wreath at the spot where Mr Reilly died, then marched past the army base where Private Thain was stationed.

Royal Ulster Constabulary patrols were attacked with petrol bombs and stones at the Divis Flats.

But police chiefs in charge of security said the trouble was mild compared to previous years in which republicans had commemorated the anniversary of the introduction of internment without trial.

It is understood that the director of public prosecutions in Northern Ireland has not yet received an RUC report of an inquiry into the death of Martin Malone who died in Armagh after a single shot was fired at him, allegedly at point-blank range by a member of an Ulster Defence Regiment patrol.

That incident at the end of July was called "murder" by Cardinal Tomas O Fiaich the Primate of All Ireland.

Since November, 1982, eleven people, 10 Roman Catholics and one Protestant, have been shot by security forces. No one has been charged in connection with the eight separate incidents

The RUC has completed an investigation into three incidents in four weeks in Armagh in which six people died. But the DPP has asked the police to make further inquiries and clarify certain matters.

Three of the men given life sentences for murder at the end of the Christopher Black supergrass trial are to appeal against sentence. Gerald Loughlin and Kevin Mulgrew were convicted of the murder of a part-time member of the UDR in 1981. Kevin Artt was found guilty of murdering the deputy governor of the Maze prison.

● An American, aged 27, who was fined £100 at Londonderry Magistrates' Court last night for throwing stones at police in the city on Tuesday morning, was told that if he had been a local person he would have been jailed (our Londonderry Correspondent writes).

But James Patrick Martin Hennessy, from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was unable to pay the fine and was taken into custody.

Glasgow bows to cuts order

Glasgow yesterday agreed to comply with the Government's special parliamentary order, and agreed reluctantly to cut £10m off local spending.

Now for the first time the Labour-controlled council may be forced to depart from its policy of no compulsory redundancies among its 14,000 work force. "We do not want to sack people", Councillor Jeam McFadden, leader of the Labour group, said, "but it seens to be government policy to force councils like us to cut staffs and services through simply making it impossible for us to pay for them."

Benefits burden on councils

Four months after local authorities took over a new housing benefit scheme for assisting tenants and mortgage holders on low incomes, district and borough councils are complaining about the administrative burden.

The Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities said yesterday that the change had created great distress for people because of the Government's determination that the new scheme should not cost more.

Crime records to be computerized

All criminal records in Scotland, at present filed on paper, are to be put into a central computer system. Honeywell is to provide two mainframe computers, two minicomputers, 200 visual display terminals and 105 printers at an estimated cost of £3.4m.

The new system, housed at the Scottish Criminal Records Office, Glasgow, will be linked to the eight Scottish forces' own computers and to the police national computer in Hendon, north London.

Policy switch urged over TUC talks with Tebbit

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

A late attempt is being made by the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs headed by Mr Clive Jenkins to ensure that forthcoming talks between the TUC and Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for employment, are not misconstrued.

The Government is hoping that a resumption of contracts between the minister and the TUC will mark the start of a new era of understanding, with the unions accepting the need for big reforms of their internal procedures.

Left-wing union leaders want the TUC to continue its boycott of relations with Mr Tebbit, however, ASTMS has put down a policy amendment for next month's TUC conference permitting such a meeting, but designed to prevent collaboration on Mr Tebbit's terms.

Mr Jenkins's union suggests that the policy position should be: "There can be no exchanges with the Government except on the basis of the most vigorous defence of union internal democracy, plus a determination to advance union rights in the face of employer resistance."

That line of argument would be substituted for the proposal by the Technical, Administrative and Supervisory Staff Section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers that "there can be no discussion with the Government on the subject of anti-union legislation".

While the ASTMS amendment would not rule out talking to Mr Tebbit, it would sharply diminish the prospect of any fruitful outcome of those negotiations, and Mr Jenkins believes that that view will win majority backing from delegates to the TUC conference in Blackpool.

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, is known to favour a resumption of links with the Secretary of State for Employment on the ground that he may be willing to listen to union arguments against stringent new rules for the operation of union political funds.

British executives better off than they imagined, survey shows

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

British business executives, never reticent in complaining about low rates of pay compared with their international counterparts, are much better off than they inagine.

While the Swiss businessman, as expected, leads the world in holding on to the greatest proportion of his salary, the British executive is bounding up the charts thanks to lower inflation, a reduced tax burden and a more realistic exchange rate.

A new survey by Inbucon, the London-based management consultants, shows that of 125 countries the United Kingdom ranks 95 in a cost-of-living comparison, 20 places cheaper than a year ago. The Briton who is paid twice average earnings now keeps 2 per cent more of his gross pay than he did 12 months ago. Only six OECD countries take a smaller direct tax bite.

Thus, the managing director of a small company with annual sales of £10m whose gross salary is about £28,400, takes home £18,500 after deductions. Inbucon says that puts him 13th in terms of purchasing power compared with 15th a year ago.

He still has cause to be envious, however, of colleagues in Switzerland, France, the United States and Canada, all of whom receive more in net pay than he does gross.

Chief executives in Holland, Greece, Portugal and the high-tax, high-cost countries of Ireland and Scandinavia now come lower in the scale.

Executives convinced tha tLondon i among the world's most expensive capital cities will be surprised by Inbucon's findings of the weekly cost of a variety of items.

The total, excluding housing, is £151.65 a week in London, compared with £205 in New York, £230.62 in Zurich, £234.75 in Oslo, £251.05 in Tokyo and £188.81 in Sydney.

Scientists find signs of other worlds

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

The Infrared Astronomical Satelite (IRAS) has found what astronomers believe is the first direct evidence of a solar system around a star other than our own Sun.

The space observatory picked up radiation which scientists at the IRAS tracking centre in Chilton, Oxfordshire, say must come from solid objects orbiting the young star Vega.

Their temperature is about 90 degrees above absolute zero Fahrenheit (-180°C) – as cold as Pluto, the Sun's outer planet.

However, the satellite, a joint project of Britain, the United States and the Netherlands, is not sensitive enough to determine the size of the objects.

They must be at least pea-sized and could include full-scale planets. The material is about 80 times further from Vega than th Earth is from the Sun.

Astronomers have devoted great resources for many years to the search for planets beyond our solar system, without clear success.

Earlier this summer a US group described what could be a giant planet forming close to the stat T Tauri, but that might alternatively be a small star that is not yet switched on.

Others claim to have detected large planets indirectly by their gravitational effects on the movement of stars, though again the results are not conclusive.

The IRAS observations are the first to suggest a whole system of objects around another star. Vega is only 1,000 million years old, less than a quarter the Sun's age, so its associated solar system must be far less mature than ours.

The discovery was made by two Americans, Dr Fred Gillett and Dr H. H. Aumann, working temporarily at the IRAS tracking centre at the Rutherford Laboratory in Chilton.

The satellite, which has been mapping the sky since its launch in January, has already made impressive discoveries, including four new comets.

The particles may surround Vega as a round shell or a flat ring. Most are probably the size of rocks or stones, like the asteroids orbiting the Sun between Mars and Jupiter. IRAS scientists estimate that they make up a mass similar to all the planets around the Sun.

The Vegan particles may be debris left over from the star's formation which has not yet had time to come together into full-scale planets, Dr Gillett said.

Larger planets may already exist closer to Vega but they probably would not emit enough radiation to be detected by any telescopes.

Vega is 60 times more luminous than the Sun and only 26 light years away, so it shines out as the third brightest star in the sky.

If the Vegan system is confirmed, it could tell astronomers much about the early development of the Sun and its planets.

Thousands rush to be British

By Nicholas Timmins

The number of people who acquired citizenship of the United Kingdom and Colonies rose last year by more than half to 82,233, according to figures published by the Home Office yesterday.

The figures reflect improved efficiency in processing applications and the rush to acquire citizenship immediately before the British Nationality Act came into force on January 1.

Of those acquiring citizenship, 31,230 had an absolute entitlement through residence in Britain before January 31, 1973. A further 18,640 acquired citizenship through marriage.

Most of those registered, 48,456, came from Commonwealth countries. The largest groups were Jamaicans, Indians and Pakistanis.

Citizenship was granted overseas to 2,868 aliens and British protected persons, 2,340 of them in Hongkong, of whom 1,040 were women who married citizens of the United Kingdom and Colonies. The largest group, 1,694, were from the People's Republic of China.

Protests are continuing to mount over the Government's recent announcement that it made a £6.43m profit last year on nationality fees. It had calculated that there would be a £1.2m surplus.

The TUC and the London Association of Community Relations Councils have joined the protest at the Government's decision not to act yet on a select committee report urging large cuts in the fees.

Police seek men friends of doctor's wife

By Our Crime Reporter

An appeal for men friends of the missing wife of an Essex doctor to be interviewed was made yesterday by the senior detective in charge of the search for Mrs Diane Jones.

Mrs Jones, aged 35, vanished on July 23 but Dr Robert Jones, her husband, did not report her missing for nine days. When he did, Essex police eventually launched a large investigation in and around the couple's home at Coggeshall, near Colchester.

Yesterday Det Sup Michael Ainsley called on men "who have been personally involved with Mrs Jones" to come forward. A number have been seen by the police but Mr Ainsley said: I have been given information that there are other men who knew Mrs Jones who have not yet come forward."

The men would be traced and interviewed but the police would prefer them to act voluntarily. They include people Mrs Jones knew in 1978 although police are more interested in friends made over the past three months. One of the men already seen is a taxi driver.

When she disappeared Mrs Jones was thought to have been several months pregnant. She married the doctor, the local GP in Coggeshall, last year, when they decided to legitimize their baby daughter. The child has since been placed in care and the couple, who have had a colourful marriage, were planning to divorce.

According to Dr Jones, his wife disappeared from outside their home while he was parking his car near by at the end of a night's drinking at a local public house.

In the past few days forensic scientists have searched the family home, a white-painted £100,000 converted farmhouse, and two cars which Dr Jones has owned. Divers have examined local stretches of water including parts of the river Blackwater.

Mr Ainsley said: "Dr Jones has been extremely helpful as and when I have asked him to be."

Mr Ainsley said that as each day passed without the reappearance of Mrs Jones his concern for her safety grew.

Divers told to replace relics

By a Staff Reporter

Divers from a salvage company who removed objects from around the wreck of HMS Hampshire off the Orkneys, have been ordered by the Ministry of Defence to put them back.

The artifacts were brought up by divers from Wharton Williams Taylor of Aberdeen, working with a west German film company making a documentary about the ship, which sank in 1916, killing nearly 700 people, including Lord Kitchener.

Neither the divers nor the AGUF film company had permission to work around the wreck, which is a war grave, although permission was given for earlier filming in 1978 and 1979.

The ministry said: "All we gave permission for originally was for filming outside the wreck but not for bringing up artifacts.

"HMS Hampshire is a war grave, and the artifacts around her still constitute part of that war grave. We do not expect people to tamper with war graves, and we are waiting to hear from the company what it plans to do".

The objects include a propellor, light cannon, shells and porthole fixtures. Most are now in the Peterhead customs bonded warehouses.

The ship was rumoured to have been carrying £2m in bullion, but both the film company and the salvage firm denied all knowledge of that. The Ministry of Defence has always denied that the gold existed.

Mr Jonathan Aitken MP, the former TV-am chief who arranged the original filming permission, said filming had resumed before official authorization was received because the £30,000 a day salvage ship Sterna Workorse had just become available. There had been indications that permission would be forthcoming.

Wreck of lost submarine found

The mysterious disappearance of a British submarine during the Second World War was finally explained yesterday.

HMS Swordfish, carrying a crew of 40, was lost in November, 1940, on her twelfth English Channel patrol at a time when Britain was most fearing a German invasion.

It was always assumed that Swordfish met her fate off Brest, possibly sunk by German destroyers.

But Mr Martin Woodward, a 34-year-old diver, disclosed yesterday that he had discovered the wreck off St Catherine's Point, the southern most tip of the Isle of Wight.

Swordfish apparently travelled only 30 miles from the submarine base at Gosport and struck a German mine.

Mr Woodward, co-owner of Bembridge Maritime Museum in the Isle of Wight, found the submarine last month while looking for other wrecks. He said she was broken in two and was lying in about 150ft of water.

The wreck has been declared a war grave and the Ministry of Defence is trying to reach relatives of the dead to invite them to a memorial service.

The 640-ton Swordfish was the first of the S-class submarines, all named after fishes. Her captain was Lieutenant Michael Langley, of Brewood, near Wolverhampton.

HMS Swordfish after her launch from Chatham

Acas called to mediate in actors' pay dispute

By Christopher Warman, Arts Correspondent

Leaders of Equity, the actors' union, and the Theatrical Management Association went to the headquarters of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service in London yesterday to seek mediation in the dispute over pay by performers and stage managers in the provincial theatre.

Equity called a strike of its provincial members from September 5 after talks with the association were deadlocked. The union is seeking a pay increase of 12 to 15 per cent but the association's final offer was between 5 and 6 per cent.

An earlier attempt at conciliation failed, but both sides have agreed to mediation and saw the mediator, Mr Norman Singleton, separately yesterday.

Mr Singleton will now prepare a report containing recommendations that could form the basis of a settlement if thr strike is to be averted.

Equity said last night that it expects the report early next week so that the union's council can consider it before meetings throughout the country at the weekend. Equity will make its response to the mediator on August 22.

At present the minimum salary in the subsidized repertory theatre theatres in the provinces is £84.50 a week. The association's offer would increase the minimum to £89.57 a week, compared with Equity's claim for a £100 a week minimum.

Hebden poised to take lead in chess

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Southport

At the end of round three of the Grieveson Grant British Chess Championships in Southport, the lead was shared by Bradbury, Britton, Johansen, Ravikumar, Speelman and W Watson, all with two-and-a-half points. But they may well be passed by Mark Hebden who has two points and an adjourned game against Wells wihch he looks likely to win.

Speelman won a forcefully played game against Cummings

Other results:

Lawton ½, Barua ½; Botterill ½, Murshed 0, Bradbury 1: W Watson 1, Cooley 0; Knott 0, Ravikumar 1; Pritchett 0, Britton 1; Hodgson ½, Lane ½; C Smyth ½, Flear ½; J Littlewood 1, I Watson 0; Richmond 0, Large 1; Byway 0, A Smith 1; Masir Ali 1, Jackson 0; Richardson 1, Chapman 0; Burnett 0, Conquest 1; Brameld 1, Garwell 0; Raynes 0, B Smith 1.

The games between Horner and Chandler, Phipsey and Ivell, Hebert and Hempson, Waddingham and Koslan, Kerridge and Cox, P Littlewood and Howell, Jacobs and Rodgers, Knox and Varley, and Sutherland and Hawksworth were adjourned.

Heart test for Briton sentenced to be lashed

Mr Peter Drake, one of the Britons sentenced to imprisonment and 600 lashings for his part in a whisky smuggling operation in Saudi Arabia, is to see a specialist on Saturday for a heart-test.

He has been suffering from a heart condition for five years and had a heart attack in 1978.

Mrs Elizabeth Drake has been waiting at her home in Wembley, London, for official news of her husband's sentence. "Eventually I telephoned the Foreign Office myself", she said, "I find it incredible that I have not been told officially. I was asked for my address and telephone number".

Correction

Bishop David Konstant, area bishop for central London, resigned from the chairmanship of the Westminster Education Commission and was not "relieved of his responsibility" as reported on August 5.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 26; Bahrain BD 0.650; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.50; Canaries Pes 150; Cyprus 650 mils; Denmark Dkr 7.50; Dubai Dir 7.00; Finland Mk 7.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.25; Iran IR 135; Iraq LD 0.500; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Jordan LD 0.425; Kuwait KD 0.500; Lebanon LL 4.00; Luxembourg Lf 33; Madeira Esc 120; Morocco Dir 7; Norway Kr 7.50; Oman OR 0.700; Pakistan Rps 12; Portugal Esc 120; Qatar QR 7.50; Saudi Arabia SR 4.50; Singapore $5.00; Spain Pes 150; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Syria L£6.50; Tunisia Din 0.600; USA $1.60; UAE Dir 7.00; Yugoslavia Din 100

Foremen who let night workers sleep lose fight for their jobs

From Arthur Osman, Bristol

Three foreman who aided and abetted maintenance workers who slept in secret bedrooms while on the night shift had their claim for unfair dismissal rejected by an industrial tribunal in Bristol yesterday.

The men had claımed that sleeping in makeshift bedrooms had been going on at the microchip factory for between 16 and 23 years and that they would have been in danger of attack from fellow workers if they had reported the practice to the management. But the tribunal chairman, Mr Cecil Parker, rejected those claims and said the men should have reported the matter. By failing to do so, they were guilty of conduct justifying their dismissal.

Mr George Cooper, Mr John Tomlin and Mr Douglas Haigh were dismissed from Plessey Semiconductors of Swindon in April after the four sleeping chambers had been found. They had been built in cavities in the wall and roof and were equipped with mattresses, blankets, sheets, pillows, bedside lights and alarm clocks.

Mr Haigh, aged 39, of Eldene, Swindon, told the tribunal that sleeping on the night shift had probably been going on for 23 years. When he was an apprentice at another factory in 1960 it had been common knowledge that Plessey maintenance men slept at night. He was sure the management must have been aware of it.

Before he became a foreman he had slept on duty "occasionally". "I did feel like telling management what was going on when I became a foreman, but I could not because of the dilemma I was in. Had I told management what was going on I might as well have left because I could not have done the job I was paid to do. The men would have made life impossible for me.

"We were the buffers between management and the workforce and would take kicks from both sides. On the one hand we had loyalty to the company and on the other loyalty to the men. I felt powerless to do what was my duty."

Mr Cooper, aged 52, of Covingham, Swindon, had earlier said that he would have been in danger of life and limb if he had reported the matter. When asked if he agreed, Mr Haigh replied: "It is not a possibility that I would rule out

Mr Tomlin, aged 49, of Green Meadow, Swindon, also said he had occasionally slept on duty before he was appointed foreman.

He said he could not report the practice. "I felt it was a serious matter but, having slept intermittently for seven years myself, how could I go up to workers and say 'From now on the sleeping has got to stop'? I might as well have left the factory there and then."

He added: "I am certain management must have known about it. It was known up to under managers that maintenance staff got their heads down on night shift. I think management was condoning it as long as the work was being done."

Mr Conleth Fernandes, for the foremen, said they had allowed sleeping to go on but had not instigated it. "They have been acting as peace keepers between a rather truculent workforce and in their opinion a fairly ineffectual management. The real culprits, the workforce, received written wornings and my clients were dismissed. They were scapegoats and the punishment was excessive for the crime."

But the tribunal unanimously rejected the claim. Mr Parker said he did not believe that the practice had been going on for any great length of time and did not accept that the management condowned it. There was no evidence that any manager above foreman knew about the sleeping.

After the chambers were discovered, the workers had been called to a meeting and asked for their comments, but no one said anything. The three foremen also declined to give any explanation.

"What was management to do? They had to reach a decision about discipline. They took it as a far more serious matter for the foremen to have been involved", Mr Parker said.

"The men were in the wrong, but if they had sacked all the men they might have been sacking someone who was innocent. They decided to give reprimands to the men. But the three foremen were equally guilty of aiding and abetting a situation of this sort.

"When they were under an obligation to report to their employers any thing they knew about it, they were deceiving their employers by not telling them. Even after management discovered it, they were still not prepared to say anything.

"When a man is made a foreman he becomes part of management and to hear a man say this happened because of the incompetance of management is very wrong. These three were in a postition of trust. They should have come to management at the earliest time to say this sort of thing was going on and sought guidance how to deal with it.

Surely anybody exercising commonsense would say that management acted responsibly in the light of what they knew and with the lack of any information or help from the three foremen. We say they acted responibly and that is the end of the matter."

After the hearing, Plessey welcomed the decision but regretted the action had been necessary.

Mr Cooper said: "The tribunal has made its decision and we accept it. His colleagues declined to comment.

Mr Haigh has now found another job. Mr Tomlin has a temporary job, but Mr Cooper is still out of work.



Working 'mole': Mr Huskisson (far right) in search of evidence of animal cruelty, wading out with the Three Counties Minkhounds.

Second 'mole' joined hunt

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

A second "mole" has been seeking evidence of animal cruelty in the guise of a keen hunt supporter, the League Against Cruel Sports claimed yesterday. It said that he had often worked with Mr Michael Huskisson, a member of the Hunt Saboteurs' Association whose work as a bogus hunt supporter has been disclosed in *The Times*.

The Association of Masters of Mink and Coypu Hounds has begun an investigation of film taken by Mr Huskisson when he followed the Three Counties Minkhounds. The existence of a second "mole" was disclosed as Mr Huskisson continued to tell *The Times* of his role.

The league did not produce the second man or any evidence that he existed. But Mr Huskisson said that if hunts challenged his evidence of cruelty, the second man would be able to corroborate it.

Mr Richard Course, executive director of the league, said that unlike Mr Huskisson the second man was still a league employee who had followed hunts on its behalf for three years. Mr Course claimed that the second man had taken film two years ago of fox cubs being dug from an earth and taken in a vehicle to a recognizable hunt kennels.

He refused to identify that hunt or the one at which Mr Huskisson claims to have photographed a captured wild fox being released from a bag in front of hounds. Such an act is illegal. The league hopes to sell the photographs to a Sunday newspaper to appear at the start of the hunting season.

Mr Huskisson said that he submitted photographs to hunting magazines when genuine hunt supporters began to wonder aloud why he took so many pictures of hunts. One of his photographs was published in *Horse and Hound* in February. "It was a boost to my cover" Mr Huskisson said. "When they asked why I was taking so many photographs I could reply that I had had one in *Horse and Hound*. That satisfied them."

Mr Michael Clayton, editor of the magazine, said that he could not confirm or deny accepting a photograph submitted by Mr Huskisson under an assumed name. "I am not the slightest bit embarrassed if we published one by him. I judge photographs by their merit, not their sources."

Five more Kos typhoid cases confirmed

The number of confirmed cases of typhoid among British holidaymakers returning from the Greek island of Kos jumped from 24 to 29 yesterday; the number of suspected cases was down from three to two. Like earlier victims, the latest suffered all stayed at the Ramira Beach hotel between June 29 and July 6 (Stephen Goodwin writes).

It was confirmed from Athens yesterday that the waiter who the Greek authorities believe to have been the source of the outbreak was working at the hotel during that period. There had earlier been some uncertainty over the dates of his employment.

The waiter will undergo further tests in Athens to establish whether he is a permanent carrier

● A Dublin woman has been found to have typhoid after a holiday in Athens and Crete. She had not been to Kos.

First itemized bill for phone users

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

The first batch of 52,000 itemized telephone bills have been sent by British Telecom to customers in three exchanges in the Bristol area.

The equipment which provides the information for the billing has been made by Telesciences, an American company, and installed by STC, a British company, at Bristol Redcliffe, Bristol West and Bath Kingsmead exchanges.

If the pilot scheme is successful, the programme is to be extended. British Telecom intends to offer itemized billing to all customers through System X, its new digital telephone exchanges but these will not be installed nationally until the end of the decade.

The equipment installed in Bristol is in two parts – the monitoring units, from which the information is culled to make the bills, and the computer system that holds the data. The monitoring equipment comprises microcomputer terminals of which there are six in Redcliffe, 15 in Bristol West and 31 in Kingsmead.

British Telecom is able constantly to monitor the operation using the terminals' visual display screens. The information to be used ultimately for billing is held in the central computer to which the terminals are attached. A computer tape containing the customer details is then sent to British Telecom's billing computer centre.

The customer bill shows the rental charge and one entry stating the total charge for all calls, both dialled and made through the operator. An attached statement gives the breakdown of trunk and international calls with their date, starting time, the number dialled, the duration of the call and the price.

New arts chief joins battle for funding



Despite posing for Suresh Karadia's photograph on a construction called 'Victory" in Kensington Gardens yesterday, Mr Luke Rittner, the new secretary-general of the Arts Council, might feel the symbolism was premature (Christopher Warman, Arts Correspondent, writes).

A controversial choice for the post because of his youth and lack of experience, he claims to have experienced the whole range of difficulties facing the council since he started the job on August 1.

He has been thrust immediately into the battle over the latest round of government cuts, which have taken 1 per cent of the arts budget this year, and has had to defend the council's sponsorship of the exhibition Edges and Shadows: Sculpture in Britain 1983, which includes a submarine made from 3,300 old tyres.

The exhibition of 200 works opens on Saturday at the Hayward Gallery, the Serpentine Gallery and in Kensington Gardens.

Speaking at the council's headquarters in Piccadilly yesterday, Mr Rittner admitted: "I have arrived here at a very difficult time for the arts."

Endorsing the strong opposition voiced by the council against the latest cuts ordered by the Government, Mr Rittner said: "I do not believe that the arts can survive with the loose change in the Treasury's pocket".

Before going to the Arts Council Mr Rittner, aged 36, was director of the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts, and his appointment was widely taken to indicate greater emphasis on private funding for the arts.

He said yesterday that the Arts Council's grant from the Government had always been restricted and was never enough. "But that does not mean that the council should not encourage other sources of income and encourage its clients to do the same."

More immediately, he said he was excited by the sculpture exhibition, which was full of "witty and inventive ideas", tyres and all. "Victory" is by William Tucker.

Police take sailor from peace camp

A naval ratıng had to be dragged by two policemen out of a peace camp in the Clyde where he had spent the night, Dumbarton Sheriff Court was told yesterday.

Francis Kelly, aged 18, of Frederich Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham, had been absent without leave from the Faslane nuclear submarine base for two days when he was found at the peace camp.

The policemen pulled him from a tent at the site and he kneed one of the officers as they took him away.

Kelly admitted assault and resisting arrest and was fined £100.

Kelly was discharged from the Navy yesterday after internal disciplinary action unconnected with the peace camp incident.

Bridge owner loses toll fight

Mr Michael Cox was refused permission yesterday to increase the toll for cars crossing a bridge over the Thames at Swinford, Oxfordshire, from 2p to 10p to raise £500,000 for urgent repairs. Oxfordshire County Council said only £181,000 was needed.

Rejecting Mr Cox's application after a public inquiry, Brigadier R. M. Carr said Mr Cox had not done his homework before buying the bridge for £100,000. He said it would be in the public interest for the the county council to take responsibility for repairs.

Man fined for driving ambition

Norwell Joseph, who has failed the driving test 16 times since 1963, was fined £200 at the Central Crimınal Court yesterday after he admitted paying a man £200 to impersonate him at Hendon test centre, north-west London. Mr Inigo Bing, for the defence, said of Joseph, aged 51, a plasterer, of Oswald Road, Southall, west London: "To say that he was a bad driver is an an overstatement of his ability".

Referee cleared over punch

Mr Bhagwant Sohi, who punched a player while refereeing a football match at a youth club, was cleared yesterday of causing actual bodily harm by Judge Dewhurst at the Central Criminal Court.

Mr Sohi, aged 29, of St John's Road, Southall, west London, had cautioned the player for foul play. The judge said: "You do not have to wait until someone hits you to act in self-defence".

Parole refused

Charles Richardson, who was sentenced in 1967 to 25 years imprisonment for gangland offences including grievous bodily harm and robbery with violence, has had his request for parole rejected by the home office for the ninth time.

Plea to halt straw burning rejected

By Our Environment Correspondent

Farmers yesterday rejected a call for a halt to straw-burning in the area where two people died on a road covered by dense smoke. Mr Eric Cowie, fire prevention officer for North Yorkshire, had appealed to farmers not to burn waste straw until rain has fallen, which would help to prevent stubble burning quickly.

A man and a woman died on Tuesday when nine vehicles were involved in a crash on the A19 near Thrisk, North Yorkshire. Thick smoke was drifting across the road from a hedge beside a field farmed by Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Consett, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire

The National Farmers' Union said it stood by its vohmtary burning code

"We are not stopping," a union spokesman said yesterday.

Young GPs turn to alternative medicine

An imminent increase in the use of alternative medicine, particularly hypnosis, manipulation, homeopathy and acupuncture, is suggested by a survey of doctors training to be general practitioners.

A growing interest among patients is alternative medicine was shown in a series of articles in *The Times* earlier this week.

More than a third of 86 doctors questioned had referred patients for treatment by hypnosis, manipulation, homeopathy or acupuncture and 12 had referred patients to a none-medically qualified practitioner. Eighteen were them selves giving such treatment and 70 wanted to train in alternative methods.

Back pain was the most common condition for which alternative therapy was used, followed by smoking addiction, pain, anxiety/nuerosis, and obesity.

The survey, published in the *British Medical Journal* after analysis of questionnaires answered by young doctors at a conference in Scotland last year, shows that more than a quarter of the doctors had either received or given treatment by alternative therapy. Doctors with personal experience of such treatment were more likely to suggest it for their patients.

The study draws attention to a "striking degree of interest in alternative methods of treatment among younger doctors". It says: "It is clear that younger doctors view these methods not as alternative but as complementary to more orthodox approaches." More than three quarters of those who took part in the survey were under 30.

Young doctors' interest in alternative medicine is not being met in undergraduate curriculums or by postgraduate training programmes and the public may well turn to lay practitioners to get the alternative therapies they wnat, the report suggests. The number of lay practitioners in Britain, 27,800, almost equals loast year's total of GPs, 29,800, the study says.

An article by Dr Tony Smith, in the same edition of the journal, advises against uncritical acceptance of alternative therapies and suggests that such treatments should be subjected to the same sort of trials and assessment that are applied to new drugs. Dr Smith calls for "informed scepticism" on the part of doctors.

Artillery reply to Druze attack

Beirut airport shelling spurs Lebanese Army back into action

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

For the first time in more than seven years, the Lebanese Army went into action yesterday to defend west Beirut and with it the steadily diminishing prestige of President Amin Gemayel's Government.

After Druze militias had poured an artillery barrage on to Beirut airport, killing at least four people and wounding another 30, Lebanese troops fired salvo after salvo of shells from mortars and 155mm artillery at Druze positions three miles from the city.

Given the delicate state of negotiations between the Government and the Druze, into whose mountain fastnesses the Lebanese Army will shortly have to move when the Israeli Army begins its withdrawal, the order to Lebanese troops to bombard the Druze was intended to prove that President Gemayel's Government means business.

The Druze militias responded by turning their artillery on the Lebanese barracks at Yarze not far from Mr Gemayel's palace.

For much of the day, clouds of smoke rose from the Israeli occupied Chouf foothills and from beside a line of half-ruined apartment blocks near the village of Bchamoun as Lebanese army shells exploded up the valleys. From the doubtful sanctuary of a dirt foxhole which I shared with five United States marines of the multinational peacekeeping force on the airport perimeter it was possible to feel the tremendous vibration of the Druze militia's return fire.

But on the roof of the marine battalion headquarters, it was clear that the Lebanese Army's initiative was beginning to pay off. Shells whizzed over our heads in salvos of five for well over more than an hour as Marines in helmets and flak jackets followed the course of the conflict through binoculars like spectators at a Napoleonic battle.

Lebanese half-tracks cruised the airport highway, the heavily-armed soldiers on board making victory signs and waving with a new-found confidence only slightly marred by the sight of a Lebanese gun crew vainly seeking somewhere to position their brand-new American-Suwwied howitzer.

Tel Aviv – Five Israeli Arabs were shot yesterday near Kiryat Gat when their lorry was sprayed with automatic fire from a passing car. Police sources blamed a criminal feud between Arabs. A bomb was planted in the home of the driver, a month ago. The driver, his wife and 10-year-old son were among the casualties.

By late afternoon, a ceasefire had reportedly been arranged by the Israeli Army, from whose area of control the Druze had launched their bombardment. But earlier in the day there were scenes of chaos around the airport as Grad missiles exploded along the runways beside a Belgian Sabena jetliner and in the suburbs of Ouzai and Bourj el-Brajneh killing three women and a small boy who was walking to school. A Marine was wounded in the leg by shrapnel.

Shortly after 10am, Mr Robert McFarlane, President Reagan's special Middle East envoy, turned up at the Marine base, immaculately dressed in a blue business suit but looking deeply worried. He refused to comment on the attack but while he was closeted with Colonel Timothy Geraghty, the Marine commander, a shell exploded 400 yards from the base and Marine officers began to scream instructions.

"Get in the holes, get in the goddam foxholes", one of them shouted as journalists and Marines hurled themselves into the earth bunkers.

Just beyond the marine perimeter, a field had been set alight and a tongue of flame sprang up amid a burning olive grove. As the firing continued, units of the American Sixth Fleet moored in the bay beside the airport moved off station and sailed south at high speed, leaving two destroyers to cruise a mile offshore. Over at Yarze where the Lebanese Army has its largest barracks, an ominous mushroom of white smoke climbed into the air.

The Druze attacks on Beirut were a deliberate challenge to the Lebanese Government to support Druze demands for a change in the Lebanese National covenant.

Yesterday, President Gemayel decided to meet the challenge and show that his Army had teeth. Entering the Chouf, however, might turn out to be another matter. Both Syria and Israel have been rearming the Druze over the past month, and Syria for one will shed no tears if the Chouf turns into a battleground.

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New leader: General Mejia, at his first press conference after seizing power, pledges to step up fight against the guerrillas.

Mejia puts back the clock in Guatemala

The installation of General Oscar Mejia as Guatemala's new head of government marks a return to a traditional, solidly right-wing type of military leadership from which the ousted President, General Efrain Rios Montt, represented a significant deviation (John Carlin writes).

Not only did General Rios Montt rupture the time-honoured bond between the Guatemalan military and the Roman Catholic Church, he also expressed an unorthodox enthusiasm for social reform as the most effective, and long-lasting, means of combating left-wing subversion in Guatemala.

General Rios Montt pursued a "beans and bullets" offensive in the politically volatile Guatemalan country side which, in recent months, was beginning to place more and more emphasis on the beans, on programmes aimed at relieving the hunger and squalor prevalent among Guatemala's majority peasant population.

But the immediate result of General Rios Montt's social policies was an upsurge in guerrilla activity.

Now General Mejia, a more predictable establishment figure, has promised "to fight by any means to eradicate Marxist-Leninist subversion", with every indication that he will squash a programme of agrarian reform which General Rios Montt planned, a reform which would have involved the redistribution of non-productive land.

General Mejia, who is 53, graduated as a member of Guatemala's officer corps in March 1953. In 1955 he trained at a United States air base in the Panama Canal Zone. He then proceeded to take a wide range of courses, before focusing his attention on the parachute regiment.

On Tuesday he declared that Nicaragua's Sandinist Government represented "a grave danger" to the Isthmus adding that he thought President Reagan's current belligerent attitude toward Nicaragua was "most apt".

● MANAGUA: Compulsory military service will go into effect in Nicaragua in October under a Bill presented to the Council of State in Tuesday by Señor Humberto Ortega, the Defence Minister (AFP reports).

Sleeping tourist murdered

Avignon (AFP). – A young German tourist was robbed and killed and seven other tourists attacked in their parked cars in a wave of banditry in southern France. The victims, attacked in separate incidents over 36 hours, included British, Dutch and Swiss nationals. There have been about 50 similar attacks in the south of France in the past six weeks.

Herr Hans Lendcke, aged 19, a West German, was sleeping in his car beside a beach at Frejus, on the Mediterranean, when a man smashed the rear window and stabbed him fatally.

Volta Army chief killed

Ouagadougou (AFP) – Upper Volta's former Army chief of staff and a former commando regiment commander have been killed trying to escape from the new military rulers, officials claimed here.

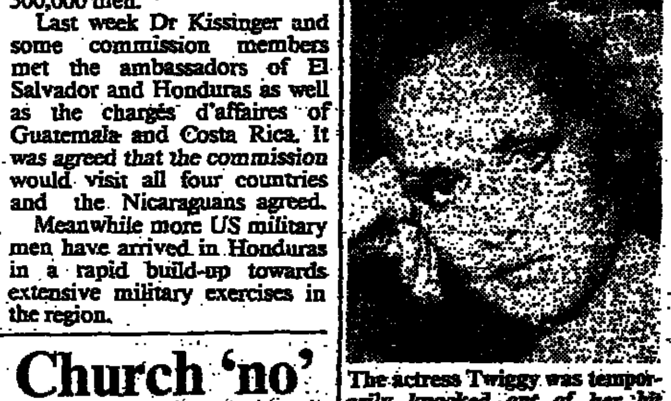
The arrests of Colonel Some Yorian Gabriel and Major Gnebere Fidele were announced only on Tuesday. Officials said that "some sinister counter-revolutionary individuals" had tried to release Colonel Some Yorian.

Soviet official to visit China

Peking (AP) – Mr Mikhail Kapitsa, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, will visit China from September 8-16, in the latest step in efforts to ease Sino-Soviet tensions.

Mr Qi Huaiyuan, director of the Foreign Ministry's Information Department, said that Mr Kapitsa had been invited by Mr Qian Qichen, Vice Foreign Minister, who has headed China's delegation in two rounds of consultations with the Soviet Union.

Star-struck



The actress Twiggy was temporarily knocked out of her Broadway musical My One and Only when a huge, pink, moon-shaped prop fell on her (AP reports). The performance was cancelled and she went home to rest.

$10m award

Detroit (AP) – A jury has ordered a division of Litton Industries to pay $10m (£6.75m) compensation to the family of a man killed in 1979 by one of its one-ton robots at the Ford casting plant in Flat Rock, Michigan.

Atomic Peking

Peking (AP) – China formally indicated that it wanted to join the International Atomic Energy Agency, in a statement by the director of the Chinese Foreign Ministry information department, Mr Qi Huaiyuan.

Jet baby well

Melbourne – Mrs Sheryl Skirton, the cancer victim who gave birth on board a jumbo jet on Tuesday was doing well last night. The Hospital said: "Mrs Skirton had a good night and the baby is in a stable condition and not causing concern."

Armenian bomb

Tehran (Reuter) – An Armenian guerrilla group claimed responsibility for exploding a bomb attached to a diplomat's car in the compound of the French Embassy in Tehran. No injuries were reported.

Taiwan-bound

Seoul (Reuter) – South Korean officials say the Chinese test pilot who defected will probably be allowed to go to a third country, believed to mean Taiwan.

Caught napping

Madrid (Reuter) – The old Spanish custom of sleeping through the hot afternoon, the siesta, is dying out according to a survey which shows that fewer than two Spaniards in 10 now regularly take a nap after lunch.

Born-again Kissinger gets ready to travel

From Christopher Thomas Washington

Dr Henry Kissinger's rehabilitation into international politics was formally blessed when he and 11 other members of a presidential commission on Central America were sworn in yesterday.

Almost immediately the commission met for the first time. One of the top items on the agenda is a visit by all members to Central America, including Nicaragua, whose government is supposedly a source of arms and comfort for Leftist guerrillas in El Salvador.

The commission has been charged by President Reagan with producing long term policy options for Central America. In the past, Mr Reagan has been scornful of Dr Kissinger but decided to invite him back into the spotlight to draw attention to the administration's aims and strategies in Central America.

The commission's first day included a series of classified briefings from the State Department, CIA and other government sources. A meeting with President Reagan is planned today and there will be lunch tomorrow with Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State.

There have already been contacts between Dr Kissinger and some commission members in Washington and the tone, according to Nicaraguan officials, was less than friendly. The Nicaraguans said they would defend themselves, without outside help, against any United States military intervention and could mobilize an army of 500,000 men.

Last week Dr Kissinger and some commission members met the ambassadors of El Salvador and Honduras as well as the chargés d'affaires of Guatemala and Costa Rica. It was agreed that the commission would visit all four countries and the Nicaraguans agreed.

Meanwhile more US military men have arrived in Honduras in a rapid build-up towards extensive military exercises in the region.

Israelis devalue by 7.5%

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem

In what amounted to an about-turn in the policy of Mr Yoram Aridor, the Finance Minister, the Israeli government yesterday ended weeks of frenetic currency speculation by announcing a 7.5 per cent devaluation of the shekel.

Ironically, it came less than 24 hours after the Finance Ministry had failed to stem the tide of demand for dollar notes by claiming that no Israelis would profit from such purchases.

Recently the public has even been speculating in travellers cheques because they believed devaluation was inevitable.

The move – widely interpreted as an admission of defeat for the unsuccessful, anti-inflation policy pursued since last September – is intended as the first stage of a drastic economic recovery programme.

Against the advice of most Israeli economists, Mr Aridor had attempted to stem hyper-inflation, now running at 145 per cent, by retarding the devaluation of the shekel. His experiment was roundly attacked by the International Monetary Fund earlier this year.

Although officials cited the new strength of the US dollar in relation to leading European currencies as the main cause of the devaluation, political observers noted that the government's economic policy has recently been pinpointed as one of the chief causes of its falling popularity.

Even as the devaluation was being announced by the Central Bank (whose governor has himself recently joined the chorus of criticism against economic policy) senior ministers were meeting to try and agree a swinging series of budget cuts.

The Treasury has called for across-the-board cuts of 55 billion shekels (about £705 million) but these are being fiercely resisted by some spending departments.

Among the controversial suggestions put forward has been a tax on child allowances, a reduction in tax benefits for invalids, an increase in health service charges and a 20 billion shekel cut in the massive defence budget.

The extent of the proposed cuts and their potential unpopularity have caused bitter arguments inside the government.

Sri Lanka updates riot death toll to 350

From Our Correspondent, Colombo

The death toll in the recent ethnic rioting, earlier stated to be 269, was yesterday revised upwards officially to 350.

Mr Douglas Liyanage, a government spokesman, said the latest figures showed 316 civilians dead, mostly killed by othcivilians, and 34 killed by the security forces. These included the deaths of looters.

Mr Liyanage said it was possible that not all the dead had been counted but described as pure fiction a statement by the World Council of Churches in Genva that over 1,000 had been killed. He also denied reports by the orgaization that troops in the north had raped three women and razed a town.

The total number in camps for displaced persons in Colombo was about 23,000.

● Curfew goes on: Mr Liyanage said a 10pm to 4am curfew would remain in force through next weekend in Colombo and eight of the 25 national districts, though the last death occurred on August 1 (AP reports).

● DELHI: Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, yesterday met Mr H. H. Jayewardene, brother and personal emissary of President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka, to discuss the recent killings of minority Tamils (AP reports).

Mr Jayewardene said after his 75-minute meeting in Mrs Gandhi's office at Parliament House that the talks were "very good." He said India was doing quite a lot for his people and providing relief.





Down the aisle again

Elizabeth Taylor is to marry Mr Victor Gonzalez Luna, a lawyer, she has told friends in Philadelphia. It will be her eighth walk down the aisle and the couple, photographed recently in New York, plan the wedding before the end of the year. To celebrate, she gave a party after one of her performances in Noel Coward's Private Lives. Guests included Richard Burton, Miss Taylor's co-star in Private Lives, who was twice married to her. Her other husbands were: Nicky Hilton, actor Michael Wilding, producer Mike Todd, singer Eddie Fisher, and John Warner, who became a US senator during their marriage.

Shagari set for late run from behind

Lagos (Reuter) – Opposition protests mounted yesterday as President Shehu Shagari of Nigeria edged closer to a second four-year term with each new result declared from last Saturday's election.

With 11 of the 19 state results announced, and almost sure wins to come from at least five northern states, President Shagari looked set for victory.

His main rival, Mr Obafemi Awolowo of the Unity Party of Nigeria (UPN), is about one million votes ahead but his strongholds have already been announced and he seems unlikely to win 25 per cent in 13 states, as the constitution requires.

The most significant trend so far is that the big parties, all originally ethnically based, have increased their share of the votes outside the areas they won in the last election in 1979.

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Israeli troops living increasingly on nerves

From Christopher Walker Jezzine, Southern Lebanon

With 33 Israeli soldiers killed in occupied Lebanon since the beginning of the year and more than 180 wounded, the 30,000 troops still remaining are living increasingly on their nerves. They are also becoming daily more isolated from the local population.

Outside the picturesque town of Jezzine, the roads are scorched black by tyres set ablaze last week when some 20,000 Christians took part in a mass anti-Israeli demonstration prompted by Israel's expulsion of Phalangist militia from the barracks at Kfar Falous east of Sidon.

Since the angry Christians took to the streets there have also been anti-Israeli demonstration in many of the Muslim villages under Israeli control. Threats of anti-Israeli action have also come from leaders of the Lebanon's Druze community.

Sitting this week in a convoy of Israeli vehicles trapped in a traffic jam in the Christian stronghold of Jezzine, it was hard to remember the close connexions between the Israelis and the Lebanese Christians when the invasion was launched in June 1982.

Our heavily armed Israeli escorts peered nervously from cars stuck in the grandly-named Rue General de Gaulle, explaining that it was now impossible to tell who was likely to mount one of the ambushes which have become an almost daily hazard for the occupying army.

"These days, you just do not know who are your friends", one lieutenant said.

During a day spent travelling more than 125 miles inside Lebanon with the Israelis, it became clear that any attempts to win an American-style "hearts and minds" campaign among the local population have failed. Both sides now treat each other with deep suspicion.

Church 'no' to censure of Moscow

Vancouver (Reuter) – The World Council of Churches assembly, after strenuous protests from senior Soviet churchmen, has rejected a call for the immediate withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

The vote came after an emotional 90-minute debate in which delegates from several continents backed attempts to strengthen a resolution calling for an end to aid for Afghan rebels and a withdrawal of Soviet troops, only after a comprehensive settlement guaranteed by East and West.

Bishop Gunnar Lislerud, Church of Norway Lutheran, objected. He said the proposal should be changed to a call for an immediate withdrawal of Soviet troops. He also took issue with a proposed call to end outside arms supplies to the rebels, whom he called "liberation groups".

Members of the Russian Orthodox delegation took to the microphone afterwards, with Metropolitan Kirill of Leningrad asking: "What benefit will this bring to the people of Afghanistan?"

Metropolitan Yuvenaly of Moscow called the Norwegian bishop's amendment "senseless" and added: "The Soviet government has repeatedly said it would withdraw troops when the security of the Afghan Republic is assured."

The delegates then defeated the amendment and passed the original proposal. 479-21.

● Unity step: The Roman Catholic church is moving towards reconciliation with the largely Protestant World Council of Churches through joint work aimed at ending splits over doctrine, a Vatican official said yesterday.

The WCC has authorized a world conference, expected in 1987, at which delegates from the principal churches would attempt to combine efforts for reconciling doctrinal differences.

Search widens for teenager seized by rebels

From Our Correspondent Harare

Zimbabwean security forces are still seeking a teenager apparently abducted after his father was murdered on their tobacco farm in the Eastern Highlands almost a week ago.

Mr John Parodi was shot dead on the verandah of his home in the Burma Valley south of Mutare last Thursday. His son, Giovanni, aged 14, disappeared and is assumed to have been kidnapped although no confirmation has been received.

Local farmers and some military sources believe that the murder and abduction were carried out by guerrillas of the Mozambique Resistance Movement.

Court victory for the Spanish home rulers

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

Spain's constitutional tribunal handed a victory to Basque and Catalan nationalists yesterday with a ruling which virtually invalidates a 1981 law designed to restrict the powers of regional governments. The Organic Law for Harmonization of the Autonomy Process, was the result of a pact between the then ruling Centre Democratic Union, and its Socialist Opposition which was intended to guarantee the central government's authority to overrule decisions of home rule governments.

The court, which has the last word on constitutional matters, said the law was neither organic – a term used to designate legislation of a semi-constitutional level – nor did it harmonize the autonomy process. The judges also struck out fully or partially 14 of the law's 38 articles. The verdict and sentence were formally communicated to both central and regional government officials as well as to the 50 deputies from the previous legislature, most of them representatives of regional parties or Communists.

Whitehall cool to junta's Falklands plea

By Rodney Cowton Defence Correspondent

The Foreign Office yesterday reacted cooly to an Argentine call for an early resumption of negotiations about the future of the Falkland Islands.

The demand, in a letter to Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, UN Secretary-General, said that the sooner negotiations were resumed, the better would be the chances of a "just and lasting solution".

A spokesman for the Foreign Office said it had not seen a full text, but the letter had to be considered in the context of recent incidents around the Falklands.

Generally, the Argentine letter is seen as preparing the ground for this autumn's meeting of the UN General Assembly.

Kyprianou and Greeks discuss UN Cyprus deal

From Mario Modiano Athens

President Kyprianou of Cyprus cut short his Greek island holiday and hurried back to Nicosia yesterday after consultations with Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister.

The two leaders considered the latest initiative of Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, who submitted "a number of points in the form of an informal sounding".

Mr Kyprianou and Mr Papendreou refused to comment after their talks. Clearly the secrecy is to protect the Secretary-General's initiative from the sort of disclosures that doomed the efforts of his predecessor, Dr Kurt Waldheim, on this intractable issue.

Anti-Pinochet protests prompt Cabinet reshuffle

From Florencia Varas Santiago

Chilean opposition leaders expect the fourth national day of protest today to be the biggest and most important so far. The Chilean supreme court has just confirmed the right of citizens to dissent and to carry out peaceful protests. The main demands are President Augusto Pinochet's resignation and a rapid return to democratic rule.

Events in Chile in recent months have forced the Government to consider bringing forward the deadlines laid down in the 1980 constitution, which enables General Pinochet to continue as president until 1989.

Earlier this week General Pinochet held meetings with his principal advisers and high-ranking military officers. He is expected to name a new cabinet, including a Prime Minister, in order to neutralize today's protests.

A leading candidate for the new post of Prime Minister, with almost unlimited powers, is Señor Sergio Onofre Jarpa, Chile's Ambassador in Buenos Aires, who is said to favour a programme of economic recovery and a gradual political opening, with a return of exiles and greater press freedom.

However, political events in Chile are moving far quicker than the Government, and the changes may have come too late. An opposition alliance, known as the Democratic Alliance, has been formed by right-wing groups, the Social Democrats and Christian Democrats. It is headed by the former Foreign Minister, Señor Gabriel Valdés.

The Alliance is asking for the resignation of all Government officials and a return to democratic rule within 18 months. The alliance excludes all Marxist parties and calls for the participation of the armed forces in government.

On the other hand, a big left-wing coalition has been formed, headed by the Socialists, and including the Christian Left, Mapu and the Socialist Convergence as well as the Communist Party.

They are calling for the resignation of all Government members, the return of the armed forces to their barracks and elections within six months.

There are signs that the opposition to General Pinochet has spread to the barracks. A document circulating in the armed forces, addressed to "patriotic officers", calls for a change in the head of state, citing the international isolation of Chile, the deterioration in the image of the military, the economic crisis that has ruined productive industries and the widespread corruption in circles close to the government.

World chess body bars second Soviet player

Lucerne (AP) – In a move likely to enrage the Soviet Chess Federation, the Lucerne-based World Chess Federation (Fide) announced that a second Soviet candidate had been disqualified from the world chess championships.

Fide said that Vasily Smyslov the Soviet grandmaster, was disqualified and his opponent, Zoltan Ribli, of Hungary, would advance to meet Viktor Korchnoi to decide who meets Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union, the world champion.

Last week the other Soviet challenger, Gary Kasparov, was disqualified when he failed to appear in Pasadena, California, to play against Korchnoi, a Soviet exile living in Switzerland.

The outcome of the other semi-final match which had to be held last Saturday in Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates, was left in doubt when the local chess federation withdrew its offer to host the Ribli-Smyslov game.

Mr Florencio Campomanes, the Fide president, said that the failure of the Russians to respond to repeated invitations from Abu Dhabi resulted in the disqualification of Smyslov.

Craxi presents policies of a coalition leader rather than a Socialist

From Peter Nichols, Rome

Signor Bettino Craxi, the country's first Socialist Prime Minister, is due to receive his vote of confidence from the Chamber of Deputies today and on Saturday the Senate will pronounce in his favour.

No doubts are expressed about his ability to win the necessary Parliamentary approval. His coalition, drawn from five parties, has a solid majority and the programme which he produced on Tuesday night is deviod of disturbing initiatives likely to upset any of his allies.

He went out of his way to change the method of presenting his Government than the contents of his programme. He said that his Administration was "not conservative" and that was about as far as he went in defining its political character.

He sought an impression of greater efficiency by speaking comparatively briefly while distributing a more detailed text to the deputies to study as he spoke. His good intentions did not ovecome the customary problems, however, because his texts were in fact not ready until well after he had begun to talk and the combined 120 pages of the two documents can hardly be regarded as a contribution towards economy of words.

Signor Craxi is seen to have spoken more as leader of a disparate coalition than as the country's first Socialist Prime Minister and comment is divided between commending him for this and criticizing an attitude seen to be too close to his recent predecessors.

He dwelt at length on foreign policy. He saw the European Community as the heart of Italy's relations though he referred as well to the inadequacy of the Community's institutions. The defensive and security aims within the Atlantic alliance were the pivot of the country's political and military ties.

He was firmly against any form of unilateral disarmament, favouring instead a "disarmament negotiated on a basis of seriousness, reciprocal concessions and adequate controls". Shortly before he spoke, there had been demonstrations by pacifists at Comiso, the town in Sicily where cruise missiles are due to be based.

He summarized his programme in five points: International policy objectives; economic recovery through a policy of development and employment; a social policy to help those who needed it (saying the welfare state was "perhaps the greatest achievement of European civilization in this century"); the struggle against crime and the problems of justice; and the reform and modernization of the country's institutions.

He made the struggle against inflation the "immediate and dominant objective" of his Government with development and employment as medium-term projects. He intends bringing inflation down from its current 16-17 per cent to 10 per cent in 1984.

In the same period he proposed removing 10,000 billion lire (£4.06 billion) from the current public indebtedness of 90,000 billion lire. The Turin newspaper *La Stampa* described these aims as "certainly not utopian but also not easy to put into effect".

The first speaker who rose after the Prime Minister was Signor Enrico Berlinguer, the Communist leader, who criticized the Government as simply a new edition of the old type of coalition

The Communists are faced with a difficult line of attack. Signor Craxi gave undertakings to his Christian Democrat allies – though how binding is not yet clear – to abandon alliances with the Communists at local government level.

In his speech, however, he suggested a greater flexibility.

Neo-fascists bomb Italian train

Florence (AP) – An anonymous telephone caller to a Rome newspaper claimed responsibility yesterday on behalf of a neo-fascist group for the bombing of a crowded train that slightly injured two crew members.

Investigators said the bomb exploded shortly before midnight on Tuesday near Vernio, about 15 miles north of Florence, and halted railway traffic in the area for several hours.

The male caller to *Il Tempo* said: "This is the Black Order ... We claim responsibility for the attack on the train Bologna-Florence 571. A communiqué will follow".

A bomb blast at Bologna station on August 2, 1980, killed 85 people and wounded 200 others in Europe's worst post-war terrorist attack.

The Presley industry, six years on

Picking over the saint's bones at Nostalgia Inc

From Trevor Fishlock
Memphis

Although the temperature is in the sticky 90s the pilgrims are here in their thousands, resigned without resentment to a long wait at the shrine.

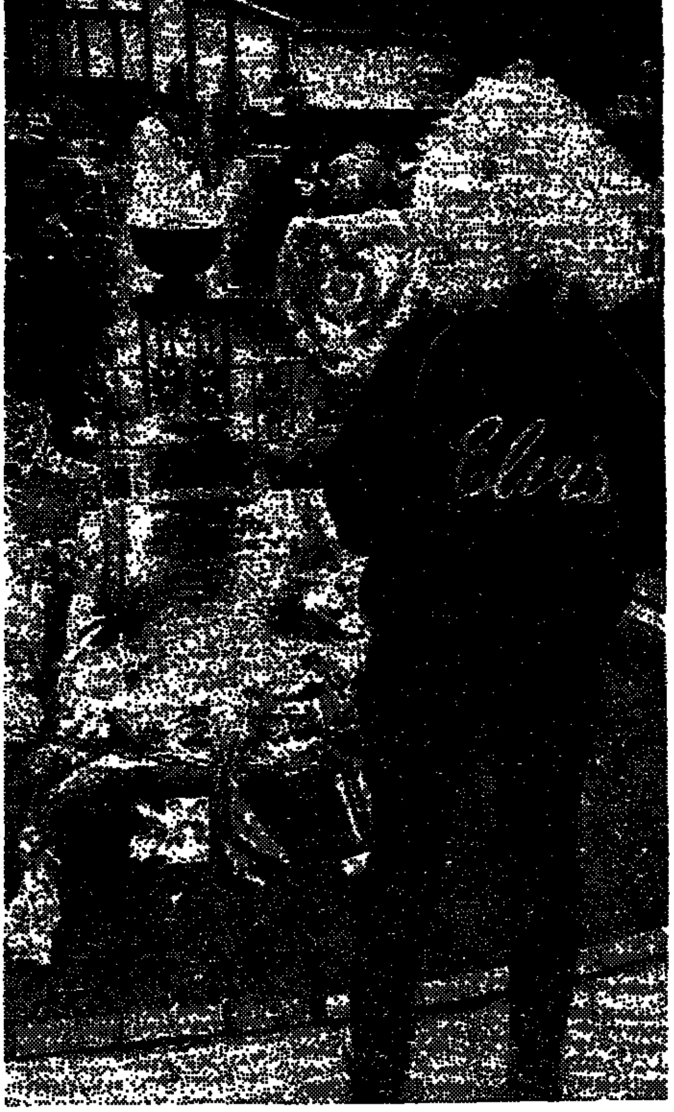
When their turn comes, announced over loudspeakers, they are shuttled in small, grey buses through the wrought iron gates of 3764 Elvis Pressley Boulevard and up the gravel drive to what the tour guide describes as "the fortress Elvis called home".

This is Graceland, Mr Presley's residence, deathplace and grave, heart of the booming Elvis industry. Presley has been dead for six years but his death seemed merely an incidental event in a stream of worship and profit. Even the most mundane of his possessions are the show business equivalent of saint's bones.

Since his relic-filled house was opened to the public just over a year ago, 3,000 people have been through it every day at £4 a head. It is the centrepiece of a £9 coach tour which also includes a stop for homage at the Presley statue in Neale Street and at the recording studio where the immortal and revolutionary tones were first confined to wax.

Next Tuesday, the anniversary of Presley's death, more than 50,000 people are expected in Memphis for memorial services, a "Remember Elvis" convention and sales and exhibits of Presleyana.

The newly opened Heartbreak Hotel, a restaurant, expects to do good business. Its pink walls, hung with photographs of the singer in his prime, are lit with pink neon, and diners will be able to go to a 1956 pink Cadillac, much like the one Presley owned, which has been tastefuly converted into a salad bar. The Elvis industry is the only growing one in a city which, like many in America these days, sings the economic blues.



Graveside homage: A pilgrim at Elvis Presley's grave

It would be difficult to miss Graceland. Elvis Presley Boulevard is one of the main thoroughfares and the house is marked on city maps. Signposts with a logo of the singer clutching a microphone point the way. There is also a large barrage balloon inscribed "Graceland Free Parking" floating overhead.

The ferry buses crunch up to Graceland's pillared porch and visitors find themselves on a production line as young guides move them rapidly from one room to the next. The guides are eager, fresh-faced clones, girls and boys dressed in blue-striped shirts and blue ties, who deliver the douche of unseparated and unpunctuated words.

The temple's interior is opulent with gold-fringed peacock blue curtaining over the windows and archways, and there are mirrors everywhere.

There is a mirror-topped dining table ("This is where Elvis used to eat"), a gold-plated piano worth $500,000 and a billiard table complete with a three-inch rip in the baize made by Presley's bodyguard.

The pilgrims also see some of the rock'n'roll king's 15 television sets (the guide explains that Presley liked watching television) although they do not see the set whose screen Presley shot out when a programme annoyed him. This brutalized set is in a nearby private museum which also houses "the guitar that changed the world" and Presley's "most photographed necklace".

But the house, of course, is the thing. There is the bar and soda fountain with its black and yellow furnishings, mirrored ceilings and three television sets; Presley's den with its fur-upholstered chairs, crafted in Memphis, and his carport with a 1955 pink Fleetwood and a mauve jeep.

Then there is the trophy room containing the petition signed by fans begging Uncle Sam to keep their hero out of the army; there is his army uniform and helmet with the honourable discharge papers recording Sergeant Presley's honest and faithful service.

"And this," says the guide, "is the most impressive hallway you will ever see in your life."

Here, indeed, is an avenue of gold discs recognizing more than 800 million record sales. The titles are a litany for millions of people, the echoes of youth:

Almost every photograph is of the singer in his heyday and there are very few from the years of decline, when he was fat, puffy and aimless.

Finally there is the garden of meditation, as it is called, where the singer's grave is set in a circular, walled plaza. A fountain plays and a statue stands guard. It looks Christ-like but has the word "Presley" inscribed at its feet.

The pilgrims shuffle by.


Elvis Presley: More profitable in death than life

Many of them are grey-haired. Presley's fans possess an indestructible loyalty: women still chalk their names on the gatepost of Graceland and the *Graceland News* reports progress in a campaign to have January 8, Presley's birthday, declared National Elvis Day.

Presley is even more profitable in death than in life, and the lawyers are still sorting out the tangle of his estate. He used to have a catch-phrase *T.C.B. It stood for "taking care* of business." The Elvis business, like the beat, goes on.

Queensland political chaos

Snap election threatens 'boots and all' Premier

From Tony Dubondin, Melbourne

Queensland may face a snap state election, possibly next month, which could mean the end for Mr John Bjelke-Petersen, aged 72, the last old-fashioned "boots and all" politician in Australia.

The National Party-Liberal coalition, which has ruled Queensland for 26 years, is in tatters after Mr Bjelke-Petersen, the Premier, refused on Tuesday to accept Mr Terry White, the new Liberal leader, as Deputy Premier, the post traditionally reserved for the leader of the junior coalition partner, or even to accept him in his Cabinet.

Mr White was elected Liberal leader afte Dr Llew Edwards stepped aside on Tuesday when he realized that he could not survive a leadership challenge. The Liberal MPs voted 16 to 4 in favour of Mr White.

The leadership crisis came about when Mr White, Miister for Welfare Services, crossed the floor of the Queensland Parliament with seven Liberal backbenchers last week to vote with the Labour Party opposition on a motion to open debate on the need for a public accounts committee.

It is Liberal policy to support such a committee, but it is opposed by the Premier. Mr White was dismissed from his portfilio by Dr Edwards, who was immediately faced with a backbench revolt.

The Labour Party, in the wilderness in Queensland since 1957, would need 17 more seats to take office.

The rough-and-tumble of Queensland politics was well illustrated yesterday when Mr White and Mr Bjelke-Petersen appeared on a television debate. Mr White eaccused the Premier of cussedness, while Mr Bjeke-Petersen said Mr White should resign and the Liberal Party should provide a new leader.

The Premier also accused Mr White of breaking Cabinet solidarity. "He went behind my back, without asking me or anybody else and took out of the government's hands a decision we had made in Cabinet."


Mr Bjelke-Petersen: Refuses to negotiate

Mr Bjelke-Petersen, asked if there were any room for negotiation, said: "I don't negotiate with people who can't be *trusted*, who vote with the Labour Party – no way."

For Mr Bjelke-Petersen, the only alternative to calling an early election is to dissolve the coalition agreement with the Liberals and to form a minority government.

Why Soviet diplomat was suspect

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne

Mr Valery Ivanov, the Soviet diplomat expelled from Australia on April 22 as a spy, was placed under surveillance by the Australian Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO) as soon as he arrived in Australia in June 1981 to take up his post as first secretary at the Soviet Embassy.

This was disclosed yesterday when 500 pages of evidence given to the Hope Royal Commission into Australia's security services by Mr Harvey Barnett, the Director General of Asio, were released.

It revealed that Asio was alerted to the possibility of Mr Ivanov's being a KGB agent because he was only 33 when appointed, which Asio considered too young for such a senior position.

From the day of his arrival, it was apparent that Mr Ivanov was aquainted with several members of the KGB in Canberra already identified by Asio.

Mr Barnett had told Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, that Mr Ivanov had cultivated a wide range of Australian citizens and had used his positions as officer in charge of the Australian-Soviet Union Friendship Society to make a number of contacts.

Help from a friend for Andropov

From Richard Owen
Moscow

General Vitaly Fedorchuk, the Soviet Interior Minister, has thrown his weight behind President Andropov's renewed discipline campaign, warning Russians that the police will be vigilant and ruthless in dealing with offenders.

The Andropov leadership launched a crackdown on shirkers at the beginning of the year, and this week announced new, stiffer penalties for idlng, absenteeism and drunkenness.

As Interior Minister, and a close associate of Mr Andropov, General Fedorchuk is a key figure in the campaign.

In a long article in *Pravda* yesterday he said that the police who come under his control, had been revitalized and were under firm instructions to crack down on "drunkenness, hooliganism, idleness, speculation and the theft of socialist property".

He emphasized that the campaign was aimed as much at high-level corruption as at ordinary offenders, but said much of the burden would fall on local police forces and on civilian auxiliaries (*druzhiniki*) who were close to the roots of the problem.

Mr Valentin Makeyev, the head of the trade unions, also supported the Draconian measures.

SPECTRUM

Superman of letters

The Times Profile: Sir Angus Wilson, 70 today

A few weeks ago, a little in advance of the actual event, a group of mixed friends – in the hundreds – gathered on a scorching evening at the London Zoo to celebrate Sir Angus Wilson's seventieth birthday. Thunder cracked, the animals were restive; torrential rain came down, and we were forced inside. They had been location-filming here for the television serialization of *The Old Men at the Zoo*, due shortly, and a camera crew toured the hot members' room.

It was hard to know which one of his books we were being put into. The old and young men and women at the zoo looked momentarily uneasy, disturbed less by the thought that the electric air might trigger off the apocalyptic events of his darkest novel than by the realization that Wilson's particular zoological speciality was dodos, the social dodos who neglect to see how the world round them has changed. We hoped we had not been collected here for that.

Silvery, small and actorish, Sir Angus, in bright and occasionally acid good form, greeted his guests in his high sharp voice: Members of Parliament, publishers, actors, academics, government scientists, museum and zoo people, literary hostesses, fellow-Dickensians, gay couples, social people and people not so social, eminent persons of letters, young to middle-aged writers, a good number of whom he had taught or otherwise generously helped, literary editors whose columns had not always been warm to his more recent fiction, some of it among his best.

A recent literary row hovered, as on such occasions it often does. In the British way, Wilson's books have always shown an edgy but lovingly engaged relation to society, power and place. His own first novel, *Hemlock and After*, is about the writer as licensed jester; his own malicious comedy has always been that of the eminently social writer who does not quite like what he writes about. This could have been a gathering from any one of his socially populous novels, busy with parties, frequently disastrous, as social conflict or moral truth floods in.

There was no disaster. Indeed so various and warm was the company that one suddenly realized that no other major British writer could possibly have summoned either it or its mood. The phrase "man of letters" is in terminal exhaustion, but Wilson has been it, in a curiously generous and open form.

No British writer today of his distinction has been this humanly busy, working in writing's and the writer's interest: serving as president of the Royal Society of Literature, working with the Arts Council and for the British Council (no foreign lecture tour ends without a dinner at which Angus Wilson remembrances are served), researching, writing outstanding literary criticism as well as fiction, reviewing to the highest standards, goading, flattering, pleasing, teasing; but also teaching everywhere, reading piles of unsolicited manuscripts, fighting for public lending right, liking and helping the young, never easy, and drawing, in a still only half-cultured country, not generous to writers and slow to grant much to new talent, a spirit of literary possibility around him.

Not only his kindness but his acid matters. It is hard to be a 70-year-old *enfant terrible*, but Wilson has managed it, and is rightly loved for it.

It was difficult then, as today, the *real* birthday, to measure him at 70, not just because all the activity and vivacity goes on, but because he began writing late, in his mid-thirties, as therapy for a breakdown, so the decades his writing covers are really the last three. We can date his start very clearly, because he can fairly be called the founding figure of postwar British fiction, after the fracture of the War.

It was in the later 1940s in *Horizon* that the short stories that would make up *Such Darling Dodos* and *The Wrong Set* began appearing, catching with comic malice the mood of social change and the feelings of class dispossession that came with the rise of the welfare state, which he celebrated for its freedoms, castigated for its bureaucracy.

A publisher's rule runs that writers' careers cannot start with short stories, but his success was immediate. Early success can be disabling, and make hard the development of a real *oeuvre*. But, shaped as his career has been by it, Wilson's subsequent novels dominated the fictional reawakening of the *1950s*. *Hemlock and After*, quickly written when he was still Deputy to the Superintendent of the British Museum Reading Room, about a liberal humanist writer who takes on the establishment, but then discovers moral insufficiency in his own heart, started off the 1950s and – with its moral anxieties, its fears of liberal exhaustion and sense of psychic anarchy – caught much of its tone.

The word at the time was that the spirit of modernist experiment which had reshaped the novel in the 1920s and 1930s was over. There was a Great Tradition available, and novelists were being called back to the tradition of social realism the British had for so long been good at. Wilson half agreed, and half did not: there has been a considerable mind-change since, particularly about his now greatly admired Virginia Woolf.

There is quite a lot of Forster in *Hemlock*, and some of Dickens, the great writer of grotesquerie, mimicry and social cunning with whom Wilson has most identified, and written brilliantly about. The blacking-factory child who loved children, knew the presence of evil, and had a wild imagination of freedom had some match in Wilson's own experience.

He was the spoiled youngest son of elderly parents caught on the social slide, a hotel child forced to sing for his supper, perform for approval, exploit his gifts for mimicry and comedy. If his fiction has the moral imagination of a George Eliot, it has always had wilder and freer imaginings too, and a strong sense of society not as a value but a form of impersonation.



Sir Angus Wilson
born August 11, 1913, educated Westminster School, Merton College, Oxford



1942-46 Foreign Office
1946 began to write
1949-55 Deputy to Superintendent of Reading Room, British Museum
1966-78 Professor of English Literature, now Emeritus

His writing
1949 The Wrong Set
1950 Such Darling Dodos, Emile Zola
1952 Hemlock and After
1953 For Whom The Cloche Tolls (2nd edition 1973)
1955 The Mulberry Bush (play)
1956 Anglo-Saxon Attitudes
1957 A Bit Off the Map
1958 The Middle Age of Mrs Eliot
1961 The Old Men at the Zoo
1963 The Wild Garden
1964 Late Call
1967 No Laughing Matter
1970 The World of Charles Dickens
1971 England (with Edwin Smith and Olive Cook)
1973 As If By Magic
1976 The Naughty Nineties
1977 The Strange Ride of Rudyard Kipling
1980 Setting the World On Fire
1982 East Anglia In Verse (with Tony Garrett)

His novels of the 1950s grew more and more socially panoramic, fed by his Oxford historian's training but also by a cunningly acute imagination. *Anglo-Saxon Attitudes* is his best title, taken from Lewis Carroll; he was always devastating at catching the British in their favourite attitude, the moral one.

The critics were calling for the incorporative, contemporary social novel, and Wilson provided it; they happily pleased the general reader too, perhaps especially because of their extraordinary, sympathetic portraits of women, like the remarkable, enduring Sylvia Calvert in his New Town novel *Late Call*.

But it has always seemed to me that Wilson's most heroic move was to transform the spirit of his fiction in the 1960s, risking his secure audience. *The Middle Age of Mrs Eliot*, one of his finest books, suggests the change: Meg Eliot is a great reader, finding solace in the nineteenth-century novel and its social and moral radiation. But the accidental death of her husband in a very modern terrorist incident forces her into the problems of constructing a significant contemporary life; the old books are no longer true.

Wilson's most courageous novels are *No Laughing Matter*, which parodies and undercuts the kind of social novel the British are prone to, and which his own fiction was often read as, and *As If By Magic*, notable not just for his fictional declaration of homosexuality but for its massive, global subject. In the 1960s the British novel began to challenge itself, and Wilson was now firmly rejecting the tempting provincialism that so easy softens and Hampsteadizes British fiction, and leads it away from scale and curiosity.

Unhappily, not only some of his readers but also some of the critics, who might have seen deeper, failed to support him in what he did, and this has left some bitterness. But, as younger writers have lately been showing us, this widening and internationalizing of British fiction has proved not only a necessary aesthetic and political act, but a reactivation of the novel form. And Wilson's fiction reaches across naturally from the 1950s to the 1980s.

He remains a very social novelist, one for whom the Edwardian wilderness was never quite as charming as we like to recall it, the socialist postwar world slid all too easily into bureaucracy, *realpolitik* and crude materialism, and even internationalism tempts us to benign illusions about our power over the world.

His remarkable book *The Wild Garden*, a digging up of the roots of his own creativity, unlocks the tempestuousness of the literary imagination, which belongs with zoos and wild gardens, and has a lot of the unbidden about it. It is that understanding that gives such strength to his literary biographies, especially those on Dickens and Rudyard Kipling, and to the intimate understanding he can bring to literary reviewing. He has never been a theoretical critic, the temptation nowadays; the edgy relation between current criticism and imaginative writing has annoyed not only him but many another writer.

None the less, in 1963, summoned by Ian Watt to a part-time chair of English at the University of East Anglia, he began teaching, late. Not every one of his colleagues warmed to him; there is some spirit in every English department that prefers dead writers to living. But his students did; he proved, as one knew he would be, a striking and capacious lecturer, widely read and with and extraordinary and unexpectedly various sense of the creative tradition.

Experience in America had taught him to beware of creative writing, but he warmed slowly to it, and many writers came from the university with his help. His imprint there has been a fresh responsiveness to contemporary writing, despite the ending of the direct connexion when he reached retirement age.

But there has been really no retirement. He teaches regularly in America, in Delaware and St Louis, and was just in India for the British Council. His admirers wait to see another novel; there was rage in the title of the last, *Setting the World On Fire*, but we hope it is not exhausted.

"There was nothing for it, Gladys thought, but to make them laugh...," Wilson wrote in *No Laughing Matter*. "To keep the fun going Gladys stood on her head on the shiny, linoleum floor..." Wilson has always kept the fun going, and stood on his head from time to time to do so.

One danger of British writing has always been, as Wilson himself has said, charm, an over-easy companionableness. More recently he has been a more dangerous and troubling companion for his readers, like all the best writers. The good writer is always a tricky host – which is why, even when going to the London Zoo on a birthday, one always wonders what will happen next.

Malcolm Bradbury

moreover... Miles Kington

Yes, we have some mañanas

Why is Central America so important to the US?
Because if it wasn't there, there'd be nothing joining North and South America.

Would that make a difference?
Sure. It would mean that Columbus would have sailed straight through the gap and discovered India, as he meant to. The Indians would all be speaking Spanish, the United States of India would be the most powerful country in the world and Delhi would be the headquarters of American football.

Would that be so bad a thing?
Yes. The Indians are far too small for American football.

I see. Meanwhile, why are the Americans so worried about Nicaragua?
Nicaragua represents a terrible threat to the US. The Nicaraguan Navy has encircled the US with its mighty warships, they are infiltrating the US with Mexican "freedom fighters" and now Nicaraguan marines are on "manoeuvres" in nearby Canada. This can only mean one thing.

War?
No, the infiltration of US by thousands if not millions more Spanish-speakers. There are now so many Hispanics in the US that President Reagan starts his speeches with the phrase: "My fellow Americans and illegal immigrants . . ." The trouble is, only about 50 per cent of the population understand what he says. There are some programmes on public TV that no English-speaking American can understand.

Such as?
Coronation Street, Billy Connolly Live, Minder . . .

But surely Spanish is a noble and ancient language?
Not the way Hispanics speak it. Their language is a sort of street Spanish.

Is American English proper English?
You bet your sweet bippity button.

Why is Nicaragua trying to encircle the USA?
The Nicaraguans are trying to force the Americans to hold free elections. You see, although the American Constitution allows for the election of anyone as President, the position in practice is quite different and presidential office is held only by millionaires who can spend a fortune to get in. They want to get Americans to introduce democracy.

What is the Central American system?
To become elected as President and *then* become a millionaire.

But surely they all get assassinated or shot at or have to resign?
I think that's the US you're thinking of.

Why is President Reagan sending so many advisers and personnel into Central America?
I believe the intention is to teach the people to speak English so that when they arrive in the States as illegal immigrants, they won't be adding to the language problem.

I don't want to sound pessimistic, but doesn't this all sound like a Vietnam situation?
The only real similarity between Vietnam and Central America is that Dr Kissinger has been put in charge of both. If his previous policy is anything to go by, this means that he will probably end up bombing nearby states, as he did with Laos and Cambodia.

Which states?
California, maybe. Or Texas.

How will this help the situation?
It won't really. But it will give a lot of pleasure to people in New York and Washington.

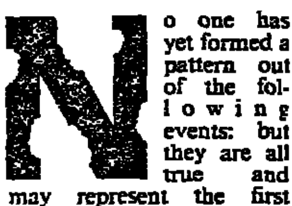
Are you serious?
No – estoy fuliando.

How's that?
A bit of street Spanish. Fuliar – to fool around.

Why are you picking up street Spanish?
Well, as with Vietnam, you can never be sure which side is going to win.

FINDINGS

A series reporting on research
ARCHITECTURE

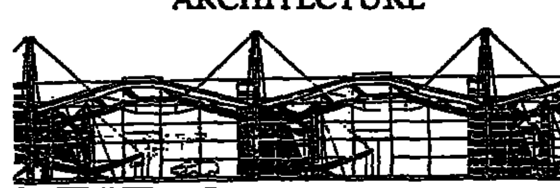


No one has yet formed a pattern out of the following events: but they are all true and may represent the first stirrings by the animal kingdom against modern society.

It was announced recently that a solar film laid over polycarbonate sheeting (a substitute for glass which is being used to glaze arcades, shopping centres and the like) had been attacked and largely eaten by seagulls. Mastic used to glaze joints between large panes of glass in a leisure centre not only attracted but seemed to breed – signifant quantities of ladybirds. In inner London, pipes and other waterworks less than three feet above ground level have to be in copper since, according to the district surveyors, plastic pipes provide pleasant fodder for rats. But in Yorkshire (and it would be) some architects now report that plastic gutters on rehabilitated country houses are eaten by squirrels.

That is all that has been noted. A number of interesting new materials have yet to find an animal to feed, although some dogs have been known to gnaw at concrete. Alarm will really be caused only when plasterboard, chipboard, thermalite and neoprene begin to attract animals. Then perhaps the Building Research Station and the Animal Research Station could combine for research: who knows, they may come up with the perfect solution for zoo buildings, which shelter and feed at the same time?

Rooflines



Renault Centre, Swindon, by Foster Associates

In a country with our climate, architectural training on roofs was based on the simple precept of keeping out the rain – one method of which was to get the pitch right, the roofing material right and, above all, to have as few things poking through the roof as possible.

Odd therefore to note the influential, high-tech structures, such as Richard Rogers' Inmos Factory at Newport, and Norman Foster's Renault warehouse at Swindon, which are suspended from masts, like gigantic metal tents. From these masts cables descend, either to the roof, or through it to some structural component within. The roof thus resembles a pincushion: being peppered with masts and cables penetrating what used to be called an impermeable skin.

These structures fly in the face of conventional wisdom. On the one hand, the architects are celebrated for their intense interest in component design; and the mechanics of sealing moving members poking through roofs are those adapted from applied engineering. Traditionalists mutter that it cannot last: the futurists have no doubt that it will. In the meantime, frost, hail, sleet etc.

Contortions?

The architecture of Foster and Rogers is that derived from the structure and the materials; and since their buildings depend upon the assembly of engneering components, their aesthetic is that of engineering – known as high-tech, in which the rubber floors and metal staircases have definite engineering antecedents. The logical argument behind this approach is the aim to produce as flexible an interior as possible; with as few fixed points (walls etc) and as large a span as possible. The resulting building is then clad in as sleek a way as possible. It is a moral, almost religious approach, with which it is difficult to disagree, although one might question whether it is architecture, in the sense of designed space. However, that logic is now under attack. In the July editon of the *Architecural Review*, that perpetual rebel, Peter Cook, records discussions with one of Britain's most prominent engineers, Frank Newby, a man who has worked on such buildings. Cook records that Newby "considers the whole buiness to be an Expressionist game, whereby many of the same conditions could be achieved by less flamboyant symbols of engineering"; thus implying that these structures are not the pure requirements of engineering but, heaven forbid, engineering contorted to achieve an architectural effect. Such heresy, if upheld, would reduce this approach to that of a *style*, with no more and no less morality than other contemporary styles. We will undoubtedly hear more of this.

Broader base

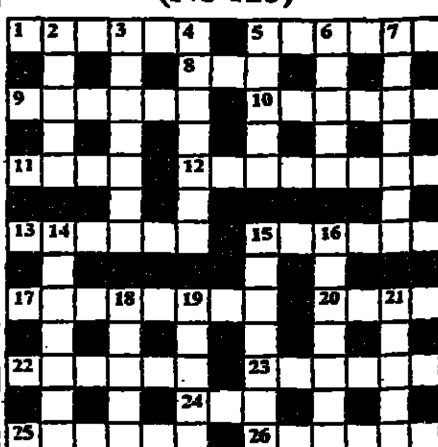
A major education conference has been organized for this autumn by the Royal Institute of British Architects. Its purpose is to examine the future numbers of the profession and whether the current educational pattern, established after an equally important conference in Oxford in 1958 was still valid. That conference determined to channel all architectural education into full time university training, ending part time training and the class of Licentiate Member. It is now realized that the new system would have prevented Sir Edwin Lutyens, Clough Williams Ellis and Eric Lyons (amongst many others) from being admitted as architects. It also rejected people with a wealth of experience in design and building – such as planners, designers, engineers and those involved in the fine arts, unless they were prepared to undergo the full architectural training of seven years.

The system also rebuffs those who wish to turn to architecture in later life who has already gained experience in building. For such people, a few residual part time courses survive precariously, offering the cold comfort of a 12 year period

The problem now is the shortage of suitable applicants to face up to such a marathon. The RIBA conference must therefore consider whether or not the virtually single-entry system to architecture of the last 25 years should be broadened.

Charles McKean

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 123)



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5 Quiver (6)
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12 Retailer's product (3,5)
13 Sailors' quarters (6)
15 Steady trotter (6)
17 Room-to-room phone (8)
20 Tube gas (4)
22 Kidnap (6)
23 Zoroastrian writings (6)
24 Hardy tree (3)
25 Go up (6)
26 Too sentimental (6)

DOWN
2 Oxford charity (5)
3 Elephant tusks (7)
4 Arrive at base (3,4)
5 Caravan (5)
6 Wanderer (5)
7 Formal permission (7)
14 Large coach (7)
15 Delirium tremens (7)
16 Aromatic root (7)
18 Solo composition (5)
19 Quoted (5)
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BOOKS

The bombs that missed

The Eye of Intelligence
By Ursula Powys-Lybbe
(William Kimber, £10.50)

A day after war was declared in 1939, that ill-informed and weak Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain, declared triumphantly that the R.A.F. had destroyed the German seaplane base at Borkum on Sylt. They had, in fact, dropped all their bombs in Denmark, and the photo-interpreters at Bomber Command said so. Bomber Harris refused to believe their report.

Harris and Co. took a very long time to be persuaded that conventional bombing, based on pre-1939 training, was useless. In late 1940 Douglas Kendall, one of the heroes of this book, and I, dined with Professor Lindemann and told him our disquiet about our bombing. I had been specialising on French ports and knew that Lorient, allegedly devastated by the R.A.F., was untouched. We had discovered the *Lorient decoys nearby*.

From that moment the reports from the Central Photographic Intelligence Unit at Medmenham got directly to the Prime Minister so that Winston Churchill, whose daughter Sarah was a W.A.A.F. officer at Medmenham, was now fully informed.

I think, perhaps because I was involved in it, that the lesson, by air photography, of the failure of our bombing in the early years of the war was one of the most important contributions made by photo-intelligence to the successful progress of the war. There were, of course, many, many others and these are set out in this well-written and well-illustrated book.

Many years ago, Constance Babington Smith, herself one of the great Medmenham girls, wrote an account of it all in her book *Evidence in Camera* (1958). A quarter of a century later it is good to have a fresh review, and now we are able to reveal the close relationships between Medmenham and Bletchley. Medmenham, Bletchley and all the rest of them make exciting reading. But Medmenham had a special factor – the pilots who flew those brilliant long sorties to Norway and Danzig. These are the men to be remembered as well as the men and women who peered relentlessly day and night through their stereoscopes. And it was the P.R.U. pilots of whom the Lord Tedder was thinking when, in his preface to *Evidence in Camera* he spoke of the "imagination, devotion and courage whose contribution to the ultimate success of the Allied cause was quite incalculable."

It was, and I always remember them in my prayers. This is a book which must be read by everybody interested in how we won the last war. Where are the photo-interpreters who are going to win us the next war – or prevent it happening? They are sitting in their bomb-proof offices in Washington, London and Moscow plotting the sites of the missiles. They will have all the evidence about Russian plans that is in camera.

Glyn Daniel

No matter what sign you are

Astrology in the Renaissance
The Zodiac of Life
By Eugenio Garin
(Routledge and Kegan Paul, £10.95)

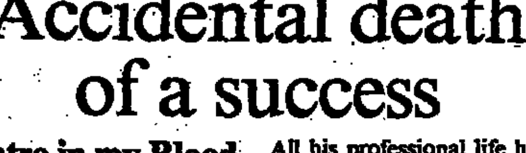
The presence of astrologers within our own culture, and the persistence of astrology over many thousands of years (leapfrogging, as it were, Christianity and mechanistic science), must be matters of some interest. Professor Garin does not address them directly, however; in this little book he deals with the Renaissance debate over the status of astrology, and yet his conclusions have a relevance beyond that of strictly historical enquiry.

The conventional theory has been that, during the 14th and 15th centuries, divinatory astrology was displaced by speculative astrology, or astronomy – that the prophetic and magical context of the one was by some inherent evolutionary process superseded by the rational and mathematical organization of the other. Professor Garin provides a good deal of evidence to suggest that this was not so, that there was no clear boundary "between magic and logic, between mathematics and mythology"; and that, in addition, these earlier principles persisted in, and indeed animated, the apparently "modern" concepts of order and predictability. Reason is not to be utterly separated from magic because both depended upon the transformative powers of the human agent; mathematical calculations were derived from the mysticism of numbers; prophetic techniques were re-employed within the scientific notion of predictability. Even the idea of a "Renaissance" itself suggests astrological notions of renovation, of descent and ascent mirrored in the heavens.

Astrology was a powerful form of knowledge because it presented an harmonious order – an idealised hierarchy in which man was a microcosm of the whole and to which the various disciplines of mathematics, medicine, jurisprudence and history could be related. Mechanistic science could only become a serious rival if its own role, as the diviner of universal principles, could be very firmly established – and, to do so, scientists (or rather putative scientists) borrowed from astrology whatever astrology could give them.

Scientific method, then, was simply a form of interpretation which was eventually granted mythic status – and, as soon as it became a myth, it began to perform miracles. That is why the function of science has been at least in part a protective and comforting one – it provides an image of human life, and locates human longings within an apparently "impersonal" order which justifies them. We have only to look at the credence afforded to evolutionary theory in the nineteenth century, or the bland reassurance of "systems theory" in our own time, to see how closely the scientific model relates to social and political ones. Why is it, though, that astrological practices have survived and flourished? They have of course an aesthetic appeal: the "theatre of the world" and "the world as a work of art" are aphorisms that haunt the artistic imagination. But it has survived as a popular belief, or pastime, because it is uniquely able to satisfy certain half-expressed human instincts – that dark or "primitive" sense of life which enjoys the notion of fate or destiny, the promise of death and rebirth, and which cannot quite shake off the illusion that the bright stars above us are torches of knowledge and of desire. The aspirations of the ancient astrologers are still our own, and their motto – "The wise man will dominate the stars" – could easily be adopted for the headquarters of NASA.

Peter Ackroyd



Accidental death of a success

Theatre in my Blood
A biography of John Cranko
By John Percival
(Herbert Press, £10.95)

A Rolls-Royce of a biography. Not, let me add quickly, mechanical or in any sense machine-made, but functioning like a beautifully-designed machine: a model of information, admirably arranged, of authoritative opinions widely canvassed, of personal judgments formed and tested over all the years since Cranko arrived in England in 1946 at the age of 18. It provides the perfect treatment for John Cranko. His life and career require no artificial animation.

Cranko met his accidental death in 1973 on the way back to Stuttgart after another triumphant North American tour. (Mr Percival effectively disposes of the rumours about suicide.) He was 45. He had devoted himself to ballet since he was 16. An unusually perceptive and sympathetic father allowed him to leave his Johannesburg home to study dancing in Cape Town. Within four months of his arrival he had choreographed his first ballet. This was *The Soldier's Tale*, to the Stravinsky score but with an original scenario of his own. And not very long after he reached London Ninette de Valois remarked "I think he'll make a choreographer".

How that prophecy came true is naturally the main business of the book. Fortunately Cranko was always articulate. Not only could he envisage the ballet he wished to make: he could get his vision into words. And he really may be said to have had the theatre in his blood. Again and again in the account of his brief South African career one is astounded at his command already of theatrical terms and requirements. His letters to the friend 1,000 miles away who designed his earliest sets and costumes are detailed and explicit. *This* must be changed, *that* substituted, some other effect will have to be modified or discarded. It seems impossible that a boy of 17 is writing.

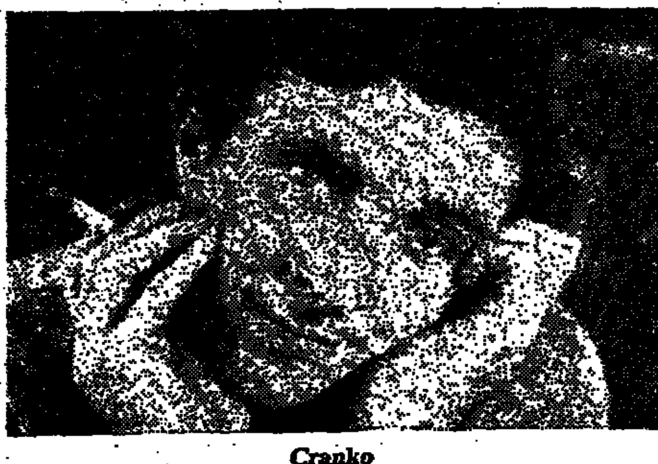
All his professional life he kept this gift of self-expression. At its most extended it is seen in the long scenario for a *Tristan* ballet for which, he hoped, Hans Werner Henze would compose the music. That was in 1973, a few months before he died – making suicide still more unlikely.

The whole idea of suicide arises from the fact that Cranko was homosexual, and from the knowledge that homosexuals, so ironically labelled "gay", are often inclined to be miserable at their failure to secure a permanent partner. But Cranko's bouts of intense depression in later life, Mr Percival believes, would have occurred even if he had been heterosexual. Mr Percival's treatment of the whole subject demonstrates the quality of this biography. For him it is an element in the story to be weighed just like any other element. There is no false emphasis, no mistaken attempt to get cheap effects. Cranko's friends, lovers, colleagues merely meet together, as it were, to say what kind of a man he was, and then we return to the real business – what kind of an artist he was.

Contrary to an old sentimental notion, artists are as a rule pre-eminently practical. Witness Cranko's forgetting some of his own choreography when reviving a work and proceeding to improvise. So much for the innocent belief in the unique, complete, unalterable work of art. (Mine was shattered many years ago when I happened on Henry Moore providing a damaged work of his with an entirely different nose!) Cranko had above all that enviable ability to be perpetually stimulated by difficulties, not deterred like lesser men: what someone has called the energy to be a success.

Not the least interesting chapter is that devoted to Cranko's family background and a description of the artistic scene in Cape Town towards the end of the last war which will astonish anyone who knew the city a few years earlier.

Jan Stephens



Cranko



Bourke-White in India in 1946 – spinning the way Gandhi taught her.

Glamorous, hard-nosed enigma

The Life of Margaret Bourke-White
By Jonathan Silverman
preface by Alfred Eisenstaedt
(Secker and Warburg, £25)

Her *métier* was poking a lens into everyone's business: while the pictures she took for *Life* magazine during the Second World War made her famous. Her unashamed support for Soviet communism aroused intense suspicion. Margaret Bourke-White was a glamorous enigma, a hard-nosed entrepreneur who made a fortune from photographing steel plants in America. She pursued her interest in the aesthetic of the machine age during Soviet-sponsored visits to Russia (1930-32). She photographed Stalin: he was annoyed to find that she was taller than him. Abandoning commercial photography because of its "falsifying and distorting character" she approved of the status of "artist and prophet" afforded her by the Russians.

She had a faultless instinct for being in the right place at the right time: she was with General Patton on entering Buchenwald and was photographing vaults at the First National Bank on the evening of the Wall Street Crash. Gandhi chatted to her minutes before he was assassinated (her part in the film *Gandhi* was played by Candice Bergen.) She was the first woman to fly on a bombing mission in Europe. Paradoxically while both *Life* and the Pentagon eagerly snapped up her war pictures she was simultaneously under investigation by the FBI for "un-American" activities. She sent a pro forma denial to the House Committee, but the stigma remained. Her photographs were generous and compassionate while her politics were naïve. ("What time do you eat in Russia?" she asked her Moscow guide in 1930. "When we have food.") At its zenith a single issue of *Life* might be read by 24 million people, but television killed off the single news image after 1952, the year she learned that Parkinson's disease had begun its inexorable progress. A career of contradictions, but the author skilfully interweaves both the life and the pictures.

Rory Coonan

Concrete nonconformist

A Stranger and Afraid
The Autobiography of an Intellectual
By G. S. Fraser
(Carcanet New Press, £8.95)

George Fraser, author and teacher, who died three years ago at the age of 64, always struck me as very much the Leigh Hunt of his generation. The sincerity of his nature was transparent. An amiable, eclectic, unassuming man, he seemed to know everyone on the literary scene, spoke ill of few of them, and possessed (as I have reason to know) an uncommon gift for being patient with the arrogance of young writers. Like Hunt, he was an industrious critic, sympathetic yet independent-minded; and, again like Hunt, at one time he kept open house for just about every homeless poet on the rampage in London.

A Stranger and Afraid is an autobiography, written towards the end of 1949, covering what he calls "the scatter" of his life from the time of his childhood in Scotland to the moment when he sailed into Rio in the summer of 1947 on a rather improbable trip designed to further cultural relations between Britain and the River Plate Republics. It is a sober, sensitive, and thoughtful book, deliberately old-fashioned in its narrative procedure, attractively ironic when it comes to self-analysis, but packed with vivid portraits of other people. Fraser declares at the start, however, that he has a purpose beyond mere remembrance. "I choose myself as a peg to hang the story on," he writes, "not so much because I think I am interesting as because I think I am, in a way, rather ordinary. I am taking myself as a reasonable random sample of the modern artist and intellectual; and I am trying to give a reasonably full answer to the question, how did I get to be that way?"

I cannot say that I find the book satisfactory in fulfilling this ambition, but then if it did fulfil it surely the result would be supremely dull. The picture that emerges from these pages is not some identikit of a typical "modern artist and intellectual". Instead, warts and all, we are given a portrait of a gently idiosyncratic individual at different stages in his development – the schoolboy Fraser, a bit priggish, gawky in the company of girls, stumbling his way into verse since he felt so tongue-tied; Fraser as son and as brother, his plain affection for his parents and his sister being particularly luminous; Fraser as a junior reporter on an Aberdeen newspaper, nervous with the people he had to interview, sloping off into the reading room of the public library "to soothe myself with ten pages about formal logic or the history of English metrics"; Fraser, called up, awkward in the Army; Fraser demobbed, knocking around London pubs and parties with Tambimuttu; and so on and so forth, but always specific, concrete, nonconformist.

The title maybe something of a mistake. True, Fraser's provincial background, plus certain deposits of puritanism in his personality, seem always to have left him believing that he was like Housman, "a stranger and afraid/ In a world I never made." But was he really an intellectual? Not on the evidence presented here. A reflective man, yes; and one deeply responsive to literature, people, and events. But the drift of his mind was intuitive rather than deductive, more concerned with feelings than ideas, and that seems all to the good in the present text.

One of those poems, an elegy for a friend of his who was headmaster of a preparatory school in Cairo, concludes with four lines which I would like to quote, not because they are great verse, but because they seem to me to be a (pleasantly unintentional) definition and description of George Fraser himself:

A kind, a careless, and a generous,
An unselfseeking in his love of art,
A jolly in his great explosive fuss:
O plethora of roses, O great heart!

Robert Nye

John Higgins on new wine books
Tingling buds

One or two of the first growth clarets have collected admiring books to themselves, but Château Loudenne is probably the first *crûbourgeois* to achieve that distinction. Loudenne is in the unfashionable Bas-Médoc and there is no pretending that drawing a cork on its bottle sets the taste buds a-tingling in anticipation as it would in the case of Petrus, say, or Latour. But it has been making good dependable wine, and sometimes better than that, both red and white, for a century now. And, by jingo, it is British.

And that is the point of Nicholas Faith's book, **Victorian Vineyard, Château Loudenne and the Gilbeys** *(Constable, £9.95)*. The Gilbeys were aggressive merchants, who travelled far and uncomfortably to find their wine, whether it was Marsala from Sicily or bulk supplies from South Africa, to feed the chemist's shop and boost grandma's red corpuscles. They bought cheap and they sold cheap. They were popularisers and to some extent, as Mr Faith remarks, they were the Thos. Cook of the wine business. That leaves aside the brokerage and distilling business.

Not long ago I saw carefully typed at the bottom of a Sri Lankan wine list: "Every Gin sold on premises made by Gibleys. Gibleys aka Gilbeys, knew how to sell themselves and the Roundhouse in Camden Town remains as a monument to their empire because it was part of their storage complex before its later life, recently ended, as a theatre. The Gilbeys bought Loudenne in 1875, not a propicious time as phylloxera was shortly to follow. The war waged against this plague forms one of the best chapters. But Nicholas Faith's real concern is with the family rather than the vineyard and his tale of buccaneering, excellently illustrated, is the best of the summer crop of wine books.

Marc and Kim Millon's **The Wine Roads of Europe** *(Nicholson, £4.95)* is a follow up to Anthony Hogg's *Guide to Visiting Vineyards (Michael Joseph)*. Both tell you where to go, when you can taste and on what terms. The Millons add in a good deal of additional information on neighbouring hotels and restaurants, which as far as France is concerned does not diverge much from what is in the Michelin and Gault Millau guides, although it is all neatly and logically arranged. Outside France, which takes up almost half the book, the Millons become a little starry-eyed. Mozart, Beethoven and Schubert *came to* Vienna, *they* may be surprised to know, "to drink *Heurige* and to work," in that order. And the Burgenland, east of the Austrian capital, turns out to be "a strange and exotic region," so exotic indeed that you are likely to encounter tourists from "Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia". Meeting *mosquitoes and campers from* the industrial Ruhr is even more probable.

Still, the Millon's book is just worth a place in the car locker. And should you on the way be unsure of your terminology there is a reissue of André Simon's **Dictionary of Wines, Spirits and Liqueurs** *(Hutchinson, £9.95)*. You can move directly from NUSSDORF (i.e. Nutsville) "Village nr. Vienna famous for *Heurige* wines" to NUTTY "A flavour reminiscent of . . . " It all depends on what you want, and need, to know.

Faber are in the process of reissuing their series on wine, under the general editorship of Julian Jeffs, in paperback at prices between £4.95 and £5.95. Germany, *Italy* and the *Rhone* are among the present batch. The writing is variable, but the scholarship and judgement is almost always sound, although in his German volume Frank Schoonmaker is unnecessarily dismissive of the wines of Franconia, which will be providing plenty of solace to pilgrims to Bayreuth this month. And together with the Baden whites they are among the few German wines that go well with food.

Shrewd ecclesiast

Hensley Henson
By Owen Chadwick
(Oxford, £18.50)

Nobody in England is better equipped to write "a study in the friction between Church and State" than Professor Owen Chadwick. Chairman of the last Archbishops' Commission on Church and State, he may justly be regarded as the consultant architect of the present "settlement".

No substantial biography of Henson could be written which did not confront many of the major problems facing the English Churches earlier in the century, but often still facing them today – divorce; individualism and socialism; the division between the Church and the working man; what to do with dictators – for few people were more concerned than Henson that those problems should be squarely faced.

Hensley Henson bids fair to be the best ecclesiastical biography of the century – G. M. Trevelyan accorded that accolade to Charles Smyth's biography of Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York – because Owen Chadwick has written a work which in style, subtlety of perception and breadth of content, matches the magnitude and complexity of the man of whom he writes.

The achievement is the greater because Henson in retirement had written a three-volume autobiography, *Retrospect of an Unimportant Life*, deservedly well received for its English, its shrewd judgement of events, its causticity and its indiscretions. It is fundamental to Professor Chadwick's study that *the Retrospect* was "an exercise in the concealment of self". He writes: "A memoir was needed precisely because he did not write a true biography. He only gave the world the impression that he did." There is therefore at the heart of *Hensley Henson* an unsolved mystery, an enigma.

Eric James

Fiction
Unreal fragments for the imagined data bank

Shiloh and Other Stories
By Bobbie Ann Mason
(Chatto & Windus/Hogarth Press, £7.95)

In Constant Flight
By Elizabeth Tallent
(Chatto & Windus/Hogarth Press, £7.95; paperback £3.95)

Communications now are like the Impressionists used to be – experiments in changing our perceptions. In the old days, what I read, I might compare to a Seurat or Cézanne, efforts to make a picture from brilliant dots or blocks of paint. Now what I read seems to be information gathering, efforts to make a coherence from stray facts and observations in the way we hear and see now.

Shiloh and Other Stories by Bobbie Ann Mason was like a Seurat and now is a data bank. From *pointillisme* to print-out. Her persons are a collection of their actions and characteristics. They are what they do and appear to be. They consist of their ingredients without motive or explanation. Yet in each story, something significant happens, so that this slice of life may be sliced another way in the future. It is like finding the silver sixpence every *time in each piece of Christmas* pudding. As one of Bobbie Ann Mason's characters says of something he has made, "It didn't cost anything. Just imagination."

The stories are, however, very good to read, the details and singularities exact, the *scrutinies of Kentucky* microscopic, the patterns of speech woven fine and clear. Yet too much information is conveyed as in a photograph or on a tape. It is an art of selection and recording, not of memory and forgetting.

Elizabeth Tallent has a similar scrupulousness and taste. She also accumulates details and counterpoises conversations. Metaphors and explanations are rare in her stories of relationships *In Constant Flight*. Her better pieces are called "Refugees" and "Keats". In the first, two American escapees from marriage and living alone take in a true African refugee called Zinbanti; at the end in an airport, one escapee will leave the other for Zinbanti, arriving on his flight. In the second story, a runaway wife wants her husband's Dalmatian Keats; they talk over telephones which make the chaos and disasters of their lives hardly relevant. Nothing engages. All is a series if acts and facts and conversations without consequence.

Both of these authors are published by *The New Yorker* with its preferred style of quaint and telling reportage, now the strongest influence on the short story in America. The major influence on the novel, however, has come from the well-made Hollywood screenplay.

Justin Cartwright's story of South Africa, **Freedom for the Wolves** *(Hamish Hamilton, £8.95)*, uses the devices of cross-cutting action sequences that date from *The Birth of a Nation*. His opening on a farm in the bush, where a police raid discovers a wealthy young man having an affair with a Zulu girl, and his ending in the Sharpeville massacre, where the girl dies in her lover's arms, are cinematic. So is the long flashback to the young man's grandfather's experience as a soldier in South Africa, a power in business, a Randlord on the gold reef, and finally a philosopher of enlightened capitalism. Justin Cartwright knows his native land, writes with economy and strength, and tells a family story of the generations losing their certainty and their way. The Africans remain impenetrable and unachieved, a people waiting for their subcontinent, which they will run without explanation once they have the control.

Bernard Lentéric is a professional screenwriter, and **Deuces Wild** *(Collins, £7.95)* is his first novel. He was also the best poker player in France, "perhaps the best in the world" by his own confession "for a few minutes." The novel deals with the best poker player in the world, Benedict Sarkissian, an *Armenian* dedicated to humiliate and break the richest Turk in America as a revenge for the slaughtering of the Armenians at the end of the First World War. Against a background of degenerate high living, Sarkissian achieves his aim and the Turk's mistress and two daughters. As a description of the mentality of the perfect poker player, the novel is enthralling. As a novel, it is efficient, ruthless, corrupt, slightly absurd, and most readable. Manipulated by such expert hands, we may only wait to see on the screen what we read on the page. But no perception is necessary or changed.

Andrew Sinclair



THE TIMES DIARY

Training Pym

The British Railways Board, living in dread of the imminent arrival of Sir John King or some railroading equivalent to follow Sir Peter Parker as chairman, is making urgent signals. They are to indicate that the Board would be very happy to see Francis Pym shunted their way. Parker finally goes back to the sheds in less than a month (offers of alternative employment gratefully received). Those who work with him remember that Parker worked in harness with his predecessor, Richard Marsh, for six months before taking the strain himself, yet still there is no word as to who his successor will be. Pym, they say, has all the qualities.... but somehow I doubt his pulling power. Terence Higgins, chairman of the backbench transport committee and a former Olympic athlete, looks a more convincing runner.

All about Eva

If you want Martin Bormann's telephone number, or a nude photo of Eva Braun's sister, you should be in New York today. The Charles Hamilton Galleries are auctioning a wide variety of Nazi memorabilia at the New York Sheraton. The *pièce de resistance* is Eva Braun's pocket diary for 1944, with her engagements noted and telephone numbers for her friends in the Hitler gang. The bottom has rather fallen out of the market in Nazi diaries of late, and this one is expected to fetch no more than $1,000.

● *My notes about the announcements on InterCity trains have prompted several reports of a guard on trains from King's Cross who concludes his resumé of the train's destination and amenities with the sombre blessing: "May God go with you all this day and grant you a safe journey."*

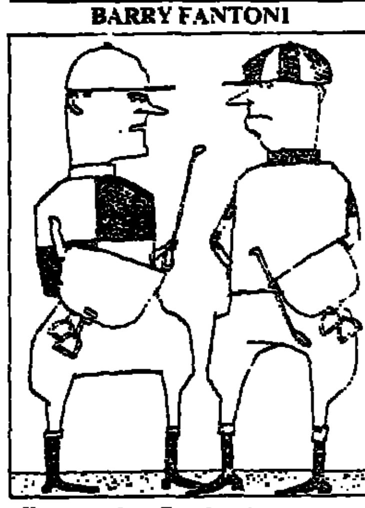
No-hit parade

O Tannenbaum (The Red Flag to you, comrade) will not be acceptable as an entry for the Greater London Council's song-of-the-year competition, for which it is offering £1,000 of our money as first prize. The object is an original composition "backing the cause of peace" to be released as a record by County Hall in the autumn and later performed at a public concert. The GLC is obviously aiming for the Top Twenty since entries are to be no longer than three minutes each.

Kind spirit

Psychic Press sends a compliments slip so charming as to be otherworldly: "The small courtesies which make life pleasant tend to be forgotten in these days of speed and bustle. Please forgive us for not sending a letter because of extreme pressure. Nevertheless we appreciate hearing from you." That is what I would call a happy medium.

BARRY FANTONI



'I'm carrying five hundred pounds in this race. How about you?'

Topsy-turvy

A sculptor from north Wales has effected a sod-swap as his contribution to an Arts Council sculpture exhibition opening at the Hayward and Serpentine galleries today. David Nash brought enough 3ft-square turves from his field in Blaenau Ffestiniog to make a river of turf about 50ft in diameter at the Serpentine. The Hyde Park turves removed in the process are to take their place in Wales. The idea is to demonstrate how much nicer their old sod is than our old sod.

● *Recently returned from working in Saudi Arabia, Arthur Perry tells me it is a written rule of the Saudi Bus Company that: "Eating of the driver is forbidden while the vehicle is in operation". The rule is well observed. He did not see a single driver consumed during his stay.*

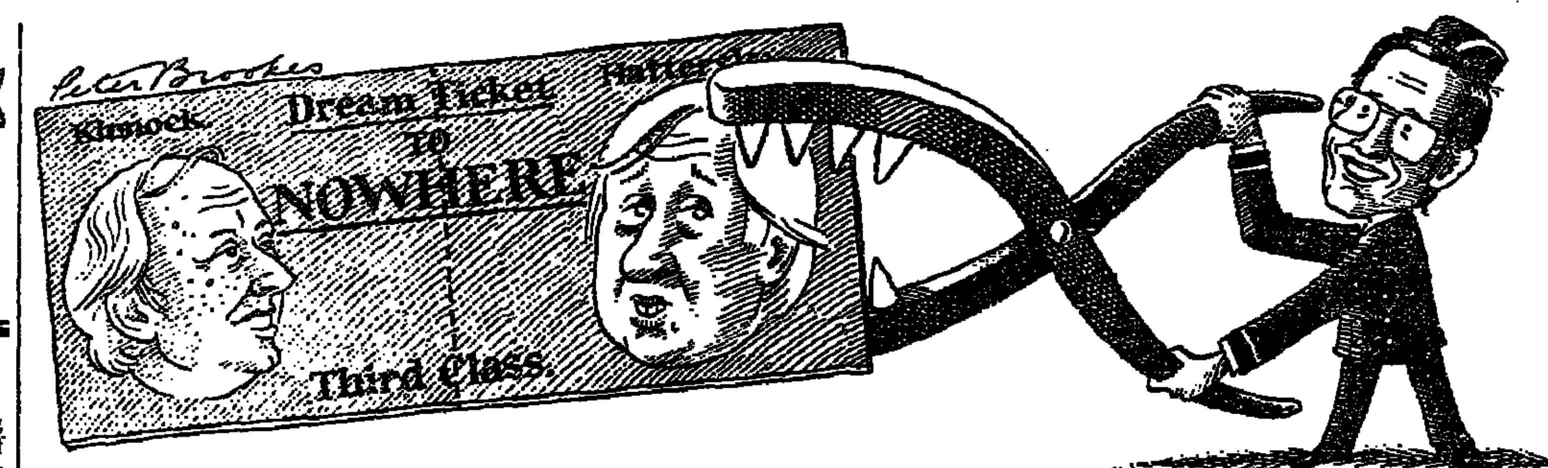
Prose pros

The latest news from the gobbledegook front is that Britain's largest translation company, Technical Translation International, received a call inquiring whether they translated English. "Of course", TTI replied. "Into which language?" "Into English", the client replied. Unable to make any sense of the lease purchase agreement on his new car, he had decided to call in professional help.



The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament is displeased to have had a recruitment advertisement turned down by *Soldier* magazine. *Soldier* gave as its reason its status as a "non-political family publication". This makes CND wonder about the chummy figure shown here. He comes from an ad in the current *Soldier* and adorns a sweatshirt offered for sale with the slogan "Peace through . . . Superior Firepower".

PHS



More like a nightmare ticket

by Alan Sapper

Michael Meacher must be delighted. The press has temporarily taken time off from its gradual build-up of the celebrated Kinnock-Hattersley "dream ticket" and has decided to attack him directly. No doubt we are embarked on a whole summer series of leaks and rumours about how many MPs will defect from the Labour Party if Michael Meacher is elected deputy leader and the anticipated nonsense about how dangerous he is. For it's always a sure sign that your opponents are getting worried when they turn on you personally.

But the press always did have problems with its "dream ticket" and the idea of a "balanced leadership" for it knew that the Labour Party had tried it out before, and failed dismally in the process.

Since June 12, the day Clive Jenkins spilled the beans about Michael Foot's retirement, the newspapers have peddled the idea that if leader and deputy came from opposite ends of the party, policy pronouncements would emerge somewhere about the middle. But they knew that history was not on their side. For through the various Wilson-Brown, Wilson-Jenkins, Callaghan-Foot and Foot-Healey combinations which they have reported, their columns have been replete with examples showing that when the politics of leader and deputy are different, just at the time the party needs the maximum unity, they become rivals and almost alternative leaders.

The most recent example of the "balanced leadership" coming apart at the seams was, of course, during the election campaign over defence policy. Just when party members knew we had a potential vote-winner if we could expose the Tories' blatant warmongering, we got completely sidetracked because leader and deputy were placing different interpretations on what we would do with Polaris. Things got so bad that at national level we hardly dared mention defence during the rest of the campaign.

It was the same with the National Economic Assessment, part of Labour's "Plan for Jobs" and our alternative economic strategy. During the campaign we allowed ourselves to get diverted into whether this meant an incomes policy or not.

It would be better all round if we had a leadership team in line with what Labour Party members actually feel, and especially in tune with the way they express their views once a year at the annual conference. For how can our membership take heart in our current difficulties if they know there's little point in trooping off to Blackpool or Brighton once a year and passing good composite resolutions that no one will carry out.

Whatever one's view of Michael Meacher, no one can deny that in all he has said and written he has stressed that the party must fight and campaign as a unified whole, if we are to get our message across.

Most of the evidence now available about Labour's poor showing in the general election is not that people rejected our policies, but that they hardly understood what they were. There has even been a recent opinion poll with a good majority for increased taxation to be spent on improving social services. What put the voters off most was their blurred image of Labour as a divided party – which is just what the proposed "balanced leadership" would perpetuate.

It would surely be worst of all in the Commons, where we need to speak with the loudest and clearest voice. If Kinnock found himself with a deputy and several Shadow Cabinet members who constantly argued against him, the press would only continue with its tales of Labour's splits.

All the evidence is that the new leader will have his work cut out without having to look over his shoulder to see what his deputy and Shadow Cabinet are up to. What the party needs most is a leader who carries out the policies – and when he does, a deputy who backs him to the hilt.

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Lebanon: why the Syrians are there to stay

Damascus

Last Sunday evening, President Assad of Syria ordered one of the functionaries at his four-storey residential "palace" near the centre of Damascus to unfurl a huge map before a group of West German diplomats and visiting politicians. The map showed not just Syria but Lebanon and the North of Israel. Then, to the astonishment of the Germans, President Assad got down on his knees, and, brandishing a ruler, began to point out how Israel could attack Syria if the Lebanese-Israeli troop withdrawal agreement were put into practice.

He was quite specific. If Israel wanted to make trouble for Syria in the future, it would send its armies back into Lebanon. If the Lebanese objected to this through the newly-envisaged Lebanese-Israeli Joint Liaison Committee, the President went on, the US, with the casting vote in the committee, would let Israel attack Syria from Lebanese territory. The President's ruler began to sweep across the map, from the Bekaa Valley over the Syrian frontier towards Homs, from northern Lebanon up to the city of Hama. Syria, he announced, was better off with the Israelis staying where they were in Lebanon than living under the "threat" of the Lebanese-Israeli withdrawal agreement.

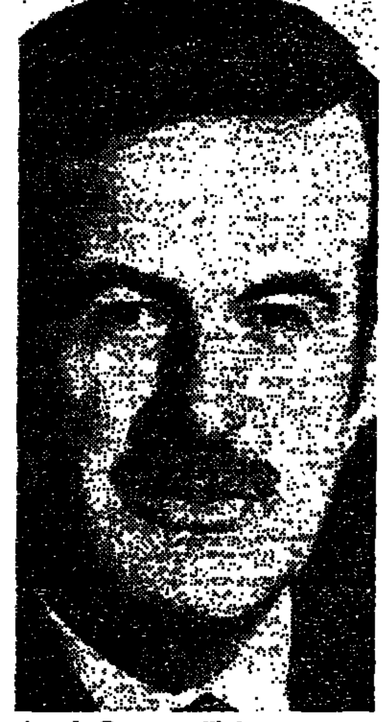
Less than an hour earlier, President Assad had been talking to Robert McFarlane, the man who replaced Philip Habib as President Reagan's plenipotentiary in the Middle East. McFarlane had received basically the same lecture from the Syrian leader. The Lebanese withdrawal pact was not just an infringement of Lebanon's "Arab" sovereignty, it was part of a conspiracy against Syria. Besides, how could the US – Israel's strongest ally – pose as an honest broker in the Middle East conflict? Assad makes these points and asks that question of his foreign visitors almost every day, telling them how Mr Habib "double-crossed" Syria and broke the last shreds of Syrian confidence in America's word.

The president is quite specific about this, too. Mr Habib, he tells western ambassadors in Damascus, negotiated a ceasefire between Syrian and Israeli troops in Lebanon on June 10 last year. The truce, which came into effect the next day, was – according to the Syrians – made on condition that "there was to be a complete withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon as soon as the ceasefire was implemented." Assad claims he has a document drawn up by Mr Habib to prove this – the Americans deny there was any such document and rather unconvincingly put the confusion down to a "misunderstanding" – but the June 11 ceasefire sealed Mr Habib's fate as a peacemaker.

In a sense, therefore, Mr Habib's "retirement" and Mr McFarlane's appointment in his place is a victory for Syria. American acknowledgement of President Assad's objections has thus produced a slightly softer though fundamentally still unchanged political approach from Syria. That policy – dangerous though pragmatic, cynical as well as ruthless – is that by sitting tight in Lebanon, Syria can do itself no harm. It can threaten US prestige in the Middle East by undermining President Gemayel's government in Beirut and it can upgrade its air defence system at the Soviet Union's expense.

Mr McFarlane may suggest an Israeli-Syrian disengagement in the Bekaa Valley but there is no particular reason for Syria to consider the matter. It is Israel's army that is bleeding in Lebanon and such casualties as Syria may take do not affect the body politic of its police state.

The irony of it all is that Syria's intransigence – by sleight of hand, which it calls "steadfastness" – is producing within the US Administration an increasing suspicion that Syria is merely a tool of Soviet expansionism. The Israelis, of course, encourage this idea. If Moscow is trying to rule the Middle East through Damascus, the sooner Syria is brought to its knees the better. But one of the issues which American diplomats in Damascus are constantly trying to bring home to the State Department – and even more so, the National Security Council – is that Syria is not a satellite of the Soviet Union and that common interest rather than conspiracy or domination governs its refusal to deal with the US.



Assad: Reagan will have to start dealing with him

Nothing could have illustrated this more vividly than the conflict within the Palestine Liberation Organization. Moscow has long regarded its relationship with the PLO as one of its principal assets in the Middle East. While supposedly revolutionary Arab republics have drifted away from Soviet influence, the region's only serious revolutionary movement has stayed loyal to Moscow. So the Soviet leadership was deeply angered when Syria supported the mutiny against Yassir Arafat. Yuri Andropov himself tried to intercede on Arafat's behalf, writing two personal letters to the PLO leader and – so it is believed in Damascus – at least one to President Assad.

Assad was unmoved. When Arafat was evacuated from Beirut last summer, the PLO chief went not to Syria but to Tunis, and Assad never forgave him for the insult. "Tunis is a beautiful city," Assad sarcastically told a foreign diplomat recently. "So Arafat preferred beauty to the country which supported him."

The Syrian leader's dislike of Arafat is personal. He finds Arafat's habit of planting fraternal kisses on the cheeks of Arab potentates distasteful and when Assad speaks of the PLO leader he becomes agitated, clenching and unclenching his fists as he speaks. "A chameleon," he called Arafat the other day. "When Arafat is in Tunis, he is a Tunisian," Assad said. "When he is in Sweden, he is Swedish. When he is in Saudi Arabia, he becomes a Saudi. He says what they want to hear." It took Menachem Begin's army two and a half months to evict Arafat from Beirut; it took just two and a half hours for Assad to evict Arafat from Damascus – and the Syrians assume that this point has been duly noted in Tel Aviv.

Such examples, however, also demonstrate the common interest of Syria and Israel. If Syria is happy to use the PLO against Israel – which, of course, it is – it also believes in carefully controlling the forces of revolution should they be approaching some kind of victory. Israel cannot tolerate the idea of a revolutionary Palestinian state on her borders: but could Syria? When the Palestinians were about to take over all of Lebanon in 1976, Syria's army moved into Lebanon to stop them.

There is, too, something curiously pro-American about Syria. Its army is equipped by the Soviet Union, its officers trained by Moscow, the nation supported by a treaty of friendship with the Soviets. Yet the east European communist system has grafted badly on to a country which still values capitalism, private enterprise and western culture and style. The most popular films on Syrian television are American westerns: Assad's henchmen pack the strip clubs and seedy discotheques of Damascus. There is a popular theory, too, that deep-down, every Syrian would like to be an American baseball star.

There is not the slightest doubt that the Syrian state is brutally cruel to its opponents. No one chooses to think about what happens in the concrete basements of the secret service headquarters, a long, strangely inverted building designed by the East Germans not far from the railway tracks to Deraa. Nor does anyone doubt the savagery visited upon the citizens of Hama – both the armed insurgents and those who were suspected of sympathizing with them – by the Special Forces of President Assad's brother Rifaat.

Yet in some ways, Syria is not unlike the sort of dictatorships with which the US has chosen to deal with – indeed support – in Latin America and South-East Asia. And deal with Syria America is assuredly going to have to do. Syria believes there are common interests to be discovered with the US. If the discovery takes a long and bloody time, Syria will probably not be unduly worried. Mr McFarlane is just beginning to find this out.

Robert Fisk

Shading over the heatwave figures

The record-breaking temperatures have been a boon to headline writers. For them there is little more satisfying than to state that it has been the hottest summer for 300 years. Records are the stuff of meteorological journalism, but can it really be that we have not had hotter weather in the past?

The problem with weather statistics is that in defining extremes it is essential to compare like with like. In the British Isles, surrounded by cool seas which moderate temperatures in both winter and summer, we expect certain limits. Over the years there will be rare instances when the weather approaches these limits and nudges the records higher, but the advances will be small and precision is needed.

The extremes of summer heat that attract most attention are the highest temperature on the hottest day and how a current heatwave compares with those of the past. For differing reasons both cause considerable difficulties when it comes to making comparisons with long-standing records.

Weathermen are scrupulous about measuring the "shade" temperature, specifying the siting conditions for making measurements so that bright sunshine does not give misleadingly high readings.

Very hot weather often exposes the limitations of many observations. For this reason only accredited records for about the last 100 years can be used when comparing individual readings.

The highest temperatures typically are registered in calm anticyclonic conditions with hot dry air wafting gently in from the Continent. What the records show is that the limit for southern England is about 100°F. The oft-quoted record of 100.5°F observed at Tonbridge Wells on July 22, 1868 is now viewed with considerable suspicion and it is generally accepted that the hottest day for which reliable records exist was August 9, 1911 when a number of stations recorded figures of 97 and 98°F. Almost as hot was August 19, 1932 and a number of days during the heatwave of late June and early July 1976 when figures of 95 and 96°F were recorded.

When it comes to comparing hot spells a greater breadth of observations can be used. The scholarship of the late Professor Gordon Manley is widely quoted for temperatures of rural central England.

His work provides average monthly temperatures from 1659 onwards and allows comparisons to be made with reasonable assurance back to the mid-eighteenth century, and some broad conclusions to be drawn from the earlier figures. In this monthly series of temperatures, July 1983 has squeezed ahead of all previous hot months, passing the hot Augusts of 1975 and 1947 and taking the crown from July 1783.

But hot spells do not normally fall conveniently into calendar months. When the extremes of this July are compared with other memorable heatwaves they look a little less exceptional.

The recent heatwave was on a par with the hot spell of mid-July to mid-August 1975. But it falls well behind the extraordinary heat of late June and early July 1976. As an indication of the levels reached then, no other heatwave in England has exceeded four or five consecutive days with readings of 90° or above somewhere in the country, whereas in 1976 there was an unbroken run of 15 such days.

When looking at the summer as a whole the temperature statistics may not provide a complete picture. The amount of sunshine or lack of rain can have a major influence on the overall impact. In this respect 1976 again stands out. After nine weeks of virtually unbroken hot, dry weather, coming on top of 14 months of low rainfall without precedent, the country had by late August reached a parlous state.

The weather forecasters predicted a hot dry September. The consensus was that even with normal rainfall throughout the winter there would be a water shortage beyond the summer of 1977.

Just when all hope seemed lost, it started to rain. The wettest September and October on record soon washed away memories of the extraordinary drought. Within a few months the only visible reminder was yellowing notices in office washrooms exhorting everyone to save water as the rain poured down outside.

By most yardsticks this year's summer cannot match the extremes of 1976, though it does rank as an exceedingly warm season. None the less, we cannot deny the headline writers the indulgence of the selective use of the records: it is so much more fun to learn that in one respect it is the hottest since Nell Gwyn rather than merely that overall it is seven years since it was hotter.

W. J. Burroughs

Ronald Butt

Was Mrs Thatcher inevitable? Discuss

Philosophy may prove that nothing is inevitable, but history has a quality which looks very much like inevitability. It is also, however, shaped by accidents of personality and circumstances which often seem to determine its direction. The interaction of these two influences is the stuff of history, and meditation upon them can, perhaps, be indulged in at the beginning of the quiet month when even prime ministers and presidents retire a little to freshen their minds by recreation, and perhaps contemplation, too.

The closer one looks at the great turning points of history, the clearer it becomes that in the absence of a particular personality history might not have turned. If the Normans had been ruled by a less potent duke than William in 1066, we might still have been speaking a more or less inflected English, minus its French content, and the foundations of our social structure might have been very different.

Again, if Prince Arthur Tudor had lived to consummate his marriage to Catherine of Aragon, producing heirs, would the Church of England (which began with divorce and now looks like deserving to end with it) have come into separate existence in the absence of Henry VIII? Again, if Mary Tudor possessed Elizabeth Tudor's personal qualities, could she have taken England back to Rome for good?

We may even wonder whether the first English revolution would have happened if Prince Henry Stuart had survived to be king instead of his brother, Charles I. If Charles had possessed a more commanding personality, free of his stammer, his challengers might not have dared. Without the guileful Pym (fateful name) to lead the opposition, constantly bringing the political pot back to boiling point whenever it looked like simmering down, the revolution might have lost its momentum. Without Cromwell's sense of divine guidance, the revolutionaries might have lost their war.

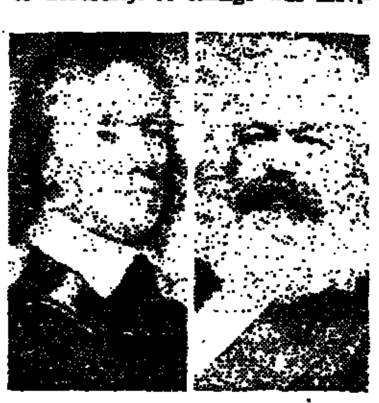
The questions are endless. What if James II had not offended by his Catholic machinations just when his dynasty seemed to have the management of Parliament all wrapped up? We should then probably not have had the second revolution. On the other hand, the revolution might then have happened, bloodily, later on. What is surely certain, which is where the inevitability raises its head, is that we should not have reached the twentieth century with the old monarchial principle intact, whatever our route. The theory of Divine Right would have looked very odd in the nuclear age.

In our own century, the questions become ever more searing. If Lenin had not been allowed by the Kaiser to return to Russia across Germany, how much happier might the lot of Russian citizens (and those in Soviet satellites) have been today? It is a provoking question whether the Marxist state, in some form, would have happened without Marx or Lenin. Most catastrophically, millions are dead, millions more moved from their homes, and boundaries and systems of government have changed simply because Hitler was born. It is more comfortable, at this point, to return to the smaller scale of our own policies, starting with the decline and possible fall of the Labour Party.

People who were disillusioned by Harold Wilson's crab-like defensiveness used to say that Labour's decline would have been avoided if Hugh Gaitskell had lived to make social democracy work by more effective radical leadership. But Labour's internal incoherence was bound to be resolved sooner or later, and Gaitskell's bluntness would probably have brought the party to its fissiparous climax sooner. Wilson only delayed that moment with his compromises and his search for a social democracy based on consent and on consultation with conflicting interests.

Human nature destroyed the idea. People would not soften pay claims or work more productively and less restrictively for the sake of a plan. Not dogma but experience overthrew the planning and incomes policy idea under Wilson, Heath and Callaghan.

When Mrs Thatcher came in, pledged against an incomes policy and to a society which would provide a framework of a non-depreciating currency in which self-discipline was possible, she was acting on the logic of history. The spendthrift course of the old sort of social democracy had reduced itself to absurdity. A change was inevitable, either towards state socialism or towards a freer, yet paradoxically more disciplined, society.



Cromwell and Marx: two who have helped shape our lives

Which direction it should be was determined by the Tories' rather improbable choice of a particular woman, without wide cabinet experience, at precisely the moment when it would have been fatal to fudge the issue any longer. In a democracy, which provides no scope for Norman conquests and dynastic politics, sailing the tide of inevitability to reach a chosen destination is the better part of leadership.

Mrs Thatcher was the right leader to deal with failures of collectivism which are even acknowledged in the Soviet Union where, because everyone has a job, nobody need work hard. I recommend to Mr Kinnock the leading article in Tuesday's *Times* which discussed Soviet ideas for rewarding the hard-working by the incentive of better accomodation, and penalising loafers with the opposite. Would Labour's planned society do the same?

The problems of collectivism are general and inevitable. By an accident of personality, we seem to have got ourselves on the road to remedying them, but nothing is final in politics. Each cure brings new problems. Whether Mrs Thatcher was inevitable is a question one can discuss but not answer; what is certain is that she was necessary.

But her present thinking cannot be the ultimate thinking. There are new tides to be caught. To direct the state's properly limited resources to where the need is greatest requires a new definition of priorities. We have to think again about employment in a period when jobs will remain short. One of the lessons of history is that an alarming number of leaders begin with success and end with disappointment. The quality needed to avoid this is imagination.

Richard North

No power to this lady's elbow

There is no deep freeze in the North household; no washing machine or dish washer. We have never got round to putting a plug on the whisk, mixer, or yoghurt maker. The coffee machine lost a fuse and remains fuseless. The carpets are the ones we inherited from the last occupants: the most that can be said of their pattern is that it will not show the direst damage inflicted by unpotted babies.

None of these deficiences worries my wife, and I thank her for it. But she has been afflicted by a terrible modern desire which, if indulged, could be her undoing. So I must stand firm, even though it hurts me, I think, more than it hurts her.

Having fallen prey to an advertisement, or perhaps to the promptings of more affluent or grasping friends, she tells me that she wants a plug-in Hoover.

It will save her time and work, she says. She's fed up with using a yard broom on the sick-coloured sitting room carpet (and the bedroom carpet, and the stair carpet, and the hall carpet): She spurns dustpan and brush.

All of this I could take. But I start digging in my heels at the way she turns up her nose at the beautiful, wooden Ewbank push-along carpet sweeper which I bought in a jumble sale when I lived in a bedsitter in Hampstead.

When we remember to stick its wheel rims to its wheels, and when I remember to wipe its little oaken bits with a wet rag, and burnish its brassy parts with metal polish, it is a machine of rare loveliness. And of special efficiency: it will annihilate the earthen mess our son spreads from the aspidistra pot, cut a swathe through the minute spilled beads our eldest has liberated from her favourite Princess necklace, and gobble up the ash scattered by our racier friends.

Cobbett, that prejudiced, girl-fancying truth-sayer, says somewhere that there is no sight lovelier than a woman with the sweat of honest work on her brow, and I am not so wise that I would dare dispute him. Certainly there is nothing prettier than my wife at her housework, unless it be her dolled-up and ready to wow 'em at a party.

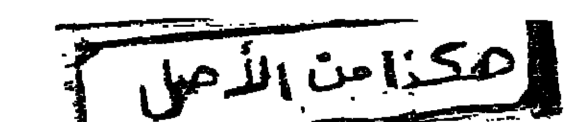
But there is an even prettier sight than both of those: it is my wife doing her exercises, 20 sit-ups here, an essayed press-up there. Something from yoga, mixed with something from Jane Fonda. All of it exhilarating.

I have decided, therefore, that my next book will be an exercise regime. It will be issued with a record with the routines called out to exotic rhythms. But it will feature something which will ensure instant success. It will insist on a carpet-sweeper-like device as the central exercise tool. I shall suggest, in passing, that a real carpet sweeper will do, if need be. Free with the book will be the stickers and decals which could convert any carpet sweeper – an old Ewbank, say – into the beppiest exerciser in town.

I know that my wife will understand that I have gone to these lengths not to diminish her (except where she would like to be diminished: in her actually very slender girth), but as one further move in my campaign to undo the desire of the Central Electricity Generating Board to have us all thinking electric, with the sulphurous skies and radioactive seas that that involves. It is an important piece of subversion.

We would have a slogan: "We'll sweep, *sweep*, those power stations away". The fish in the sea and in the lakes of Scandinavia will jive their lives more freely as we shed our surplus pounds in the Herculean labour of cleaning up after the children.





THE TIMES

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TRACK RECORD

The management of British Rail has for long been obliged to labour under the disadvantage that neither the public, nor the Department of Transport, let alone the Cabinet or the ruling party, have felt able to decide whether its operations should be regarded primarily as a commercial enterprize or a public service. Sir Peter Parker, the retiring chairman of British Rail, is a man of acute perception, who has used his personal powers of persuasion and communication in a gallant attempt to adapt this enervating conflict to the best advantage of his organization.

Under such trying conditions, his record must be judged a success, even though it would not stand up to tight scrutiny either on purely commercial or purely public service tests. Certainly, Sir Perer cannot be criticized for making more than usual of British Rail's six month financial figures for the current year, the last before his timetabled date of retirement. These show an operational profit on its railways of £40m, and a net surplus of £5m for the first 24 weeks of 1983 after allowing for interest and losses, largely seasonal, on subsidiaries. The latter contrasts with a net loss of £81m during the same part of strike-torn 1982. It points to breakeven during the whole of the year and enables Sir Peter to bow out claiming that the board will meet 90 per cent of its £300m investment programme from internal resources this year and that it is on course to stay within its imposed external financing limit, arbitrarily cut from £956m to £953m by the Chancellor last month.

Sadly, even Sir Peter has not been able to square the circle entirely. To most members of the public, travelling or otherwise, British Rail's profit figures will be seen as an artifice. They will point to the massive subsidies. In 1982, central government alone contributed £817m by way of the so-called "public service obligation" and provincial authorities a further £73m. Given sufficient subsidies, it may be said, anyone can make a profit.

But these are political considerations. Voters have determined to maintain an economically outdated system of working and living that requires large parts of the railways to be run on a financially uneconomic basis. The results of this, albeit a relic of railway marketing in the low-wage economy of the twenties and thirties, should not be visited upon the management of British Rail in the eighties. Nor should they detract from the genuine achievements of management in recent years.

During 1981 and 1982, British Rail cut its staff by 27,000 to a total of 161,000 on railways and 210,000 as a whole. A further 10,000 jobs are due to go this year. That enables the board to show a graph of rising productivity that stands up fully to the results achieved by conventional private industry despite a recession particularly severe on its bulk coal and steel freight business. The board has also, sometimes controversially, developed its marketing, for instance for bulk grain transport in customers' wagons.

Sir Peter's anxiety to carry the trade unions with him, allied to the political conflict between the rail unions, delayed some hard productivity decisions unduly. But the nettle was finally grasped, at the cost of the usual damaging public sector strikes, and considerable progress has been made. Furthermore, Sir Peter and his tough-minded chief executive Mr Bob Reid have made great strides in adapting complex rail finances so as to give line managers the sort of realistic financial objectives that private sector managers prize as a simple target for performance.

Central to this was the 1981-82 reorganization, which split the railways into business sectors, functionally divided according to the markets they serve: freight, parcels, inter-city, London and South-East and provincial services. There is no doubt that the board's operating executives have welcomed this more than any other measure to enable them to operate as managers rather than administrators.

Sadly, this subtle commercial adaptation at British Rail has not been matched in Whitehall. Privatization could have a strong creative role to play at British Rail. But it has not been properly thought out. As a result, the board has been pressed into concessions to sell activities peripheral to a public service such as its hotels and Sealink ferries. Admittedly, British Rail's performance in these activities did not stand up well in comparison with private sector competitors. But if it were a commercial company, British Rail would probably not be selling them. The example of private railways within Japan's state system suggests that proper marketing would use railways as means of transporting people to destinations where the profits can be made, whether they be resorts, ferries or airports. The possibility of introducing private capital into a new specialized London to Gatwick airport link suggests a more fruitful approach perhaps involving the separation of rail track as a public service from commercial rail operation.

But these are battles for a new chairman to fight alongside his awesome management challenge. They may explain why the government has failed to appoint a successor to Sir Peter Parker, who is due to retire next month. That failure is shabby treatment for an organization that should be seen as an important national corporation rather than a postponable problem in the Secretary of State's in-tray.

AFRICA'S GIANT AT THE POLLS

"It is now definite and clear that democracy has no future in Nigeria," said Mr Ebenezer Babatope, spokesman of the Unity Party of Nigeria (UPN) yesterday, claiming that the presidential election had been "crudely manipulated and twisted" by the ruling National Party of Nigeria (NPN). Luckily hyperbole is the common currency of Nigerian politics, and it is not likely that Mr Babatope meant literally what he said. Democracy is not easy to work in a vast underdeveloped country like Nigeria in which three major ethnic groups, divided by language, religion and culture, are struggling to live side by side with a host of smaller peoples. In twenty-three years of independence the country has had fourteen of military rule and three of civil war. Corruption, violence and electoral malpractice are still very much a feature of its political life. The current election has not been a model of regularity. But that it has been held at all is a considerable achievement, and there is so far little serious evidence to suggest that the irregularities are such as to invalidate the overall result.

That result is now virtually certain to be the reelection of President Shehu Shagari, which explains Mr Babatope's outburst. His party had been hoping that this election would at last bring the triumph of its leader and founder, the veteran opposition leader and standard-bearer of the Yoruba people, Chief Obafemi Awolowo. In 1979, after losing to Mr Shagari, he for a long time refused to recognise him as properly elected, though he did recognize his *de facto* authority as president.

It must be hoped that once again Chief Awolowo will bring himself to accept the result. Rejection of the president's legitimacy by the UPN and other opposition parties could indeed be a fatal blow to Nigerian democracy, because it would make impossible the orderly conduct of the elections for the two houses of the federal assembly, the state assemblies, and the nineteen governorships, all of which should be held before October 1.

It may well be that in those elections the NPN will do significantly less well than its candidate, Mr Shagari, has done in this one. The President is undoubtedly more popular than his party and it is striking that the worst his opponents have to say about him is that he is a weak man who does not stand up sufficiently to the corrupt magnates and apparatchiks of the NPN. His personal honesty, and his dedication to the cause of Nigerian unity, are above reproach. One of the most striking gestures of his presidency occurred last year when, at the twenty-second anniversary celebrations of Nigerian independence, held in the future federal capital, Abuja, he conferred the nation's highest honour on Chief Awolowo and on another opposition leader, the late Alhaji Aminu Kano. He was particularly delighted when Chief Awolowo accepted his invitation to a dinner in his honour after the celebration.

If that Abuja spirit can be maintained under the second Shagari administration there must be hope that Nigerian democracy can weather the storm of oil price recession, and that Nigeria can become for Africa the example of working democracy in a major developing country that India is for Asia.

SI MONUMENTUM REQUIRIS

The British are awfully good at ruins. The call them "the heritage" and market them very successfully. They are no slouches either when it comes to gardens according to this week's *English Heritage Monitor* published by the English Tourist Board. The ETB is an enterprising body which, in the recent past, has put a Goon, Mr Spike Milligan, on a near empty Northumbrian beach as prime time television advertising, an appropriate combination for a nation devoted to the ancient, like the old Kingdom of Northumbria, and the eccentric, like Mr Milligan.

Some might argue that the British preoccupation with the past is part of the relative unwillingness of the country to modernise since 1945, a mixture of self-indulgent antiquarianism and the saccharine self-delusion of "Merrie England" as purveyed by the unforgettable Professor Welch in Mr Kingsley Amis's *Lucky Jim*. But it could be maintained with equal conviction that the balance and context provided by an acute sense of what has gone before has helped prevent really severe disruption in a period of economic dislocation and adjustment.

The heritage has been affected by recession, however. True 1983, like 1982, is witnessing a boom in visits to English gardens. But the ruined castles and historic houses are experiencing patchier fortunes as shown by figures for the 400 English monuments cared for by the Department of the Environment, beautifully reserved, exquisitely kempt and guarded by polite, uniformed staff in green cap-bands. There is a five-year trend of falling attendances, down from 11.9 million in 1978 to 8.1 million last year, and rising prices producing higher receipts, up from £4.9 million to £7.2 million over the same period.

The task of conserving and marketing the monuments is to be devolved to a new quango, the Historic Buildings Commission. Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, will shortly be announcing the names of its chairman and commissioners. They will convene in April, just in time for the start of the 1984 tourist season, and assume most of the functions of the departments's ancient monuments directorate, including the task of advising the minister on which buildings should be added to the list which saves them from destruction.

The commission's domain will encompass old favourites and big international crowd-pullers like the Tower of London and Hadrian's Wall, where a clutch of Italians was sighted at Chesters on the North Tyne last weekend, reliving, perhaps, the experiences of long-dead relatives sent to Rome's northern frontier, reputedly the most unpopular posting in the Empire. It also includes the care and maintenance of lesser known gems like Norham Castle on the Tweed, yards from the Scottish border, for several medieval centuries just about the most dangerous place in Britain and now a serene monument of stone and sward.

The new commission will clearly be worried about maintenance costs and falling attendances. Marketing will be at a premium. Mercifully, its remit does not reflect the brasher side of the new Toryism, It will not be a case of break even or face decay. Privatization, let alone closure, is not an option. Nor should it be. It is intended that the heritage factor shall prevail as it did in the 1930s when the old Office of Works kept the ruins standing throughout the slump.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Prospect of hitch in green belts

From Mr D. Jennings-Smith

Sir, My first reaction on learning of the Government's draft circular and on reading your first leader (August 8) was – what, again!

Every few years the Government of whatever persuasion has issued a circular telling the planning authorities to examine their green belts and identify more land for development. This will be the fourth or fifth such exercise in erosion to my knowledge. Of course, as you say, it bears no executive force, but ministry inspectors hearing appeals take it into consideration!

A green belt is intended to stop the outward spread of towns and also to prevent them merging into one another. Originally enough land was indicated in the old development plans to allow for expansion of the larger villages within the green belts and the "rounding off" of the smaller ones. This enabled schools, sewage works, water supplies and other services to be built for a known population. It also made sound economic sense.

The green belt concept is one of the few planning ideas readily grasped and supported by the general public. A green belt meant no development. Not so today: it means planning permission may be difficult.

It is a pity that the word "green" has been used. It conjures up visions of green fields and open countryside. But the object of the exercise is to halt development and population growth within the inner and outer boundaries and encourage it elsewhere, particularly the rehabilitation of run-down inner-city areas.

The idea that a green belt has to be open fields encourages owners to allow land to become derelict so that they can say it "makes no contribution to the green belt". Rubbish – of course it does – by just being there.

Yours faithfully,
D. JENNINGS-SMITH
Ninnett House,
Dunmow, Essex.
August 8.

From the Reverend Lord Sandford

Sir, While I would agree entirely with the comment in your leading article that a "conspectus" for the whole South-east region is needed, your lament for the last planning organisation covering the South-east is misleading.

The South East Regional Economic Planning Council did indeed perish in the quango-culling of 1979-80; but the Standing Conference on London and South East Regional Planning, which for more than 20 years has had a major role in shaping plans for the region, is alive, vigorous and preparing to do precisely what you now judge to be necessary.

In 1980 the conference persuaded the then Secretary of State, Mr Heseltine, to issue a letter of strategic guidance for the development of the region in the 1980s. Conference published that letter, with a commentary upon it, in *South East Regional Planning: the 1980s* (SC 1500), which stands for the present as the planning strategy for the region.

Since 1980 the conference has carried out further work on major planning issues which will need resolution in the period up to the year 2000 and beyond.

It has, for example, published (in March, 1982) a study of the impact of the M25, which gives Mr Jenkin, and others, the assessment you call for of the commercial effects of the completion of the orbital motorway. Mr Jenkin's civil servants are among many who have found this invaluable.

It has worked jointly with the House Builders Federation to establish and publish (in November, 1981) the facts about the availability of land for house-building in the region; and this work continues.

Conference has just completed, and is about to publish, a review of the situation in the region – the South East Regional Monitor – which takes into account changes revealed by the 1981 census and highlights the problems which must be tackled in developing and rolling forward current policies.

Armed with this, it intends to lay before the Secretary of State the case for a review of the present strategic guidelines as a joint enterprise of the Government and the local authorities of the South-east joined in conference.

Your advocacy of such an undertaking is most welcome.

Yours faithfully,
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Standing Conference on London and South East Regional Planning,
East Wing, 1st Floor,
20 Albert Embankment, SE1.

Cut in arts support

From Mrs Rupert Hambro

Sir, The recent announcement of a one per cent cut by the Government in its support for the arts has produced shivers in all the recipient institutions. They well know that practice of this sort will eventually doom the artistic future of Britain for generations to come.

It is not sufficient for the Government to recommend that corporations and the business community fill the gap through greater sponsorship. At least a portion of the cut should be used by the Government, through the vehicles of the Arts Council and ABSA (Association of Business Sponsorship for the Arts), to educate the public and business community in their responsibility to give to the Arts, and the benefits they will receive from so doing.

This can be achieved through a well-conceived public relations campaign.

The Government should also study carefully the benefits of tax relief for the individual and further relief for corporate donations. Without education and incentives, it is difficult to create awareness, and without responsibility of government, business and individuals, the artistic heritage of Britain is endangered.

M. R. HAMBRO,
Organising Director,
Royal Opera House Trust,
5 The Boltons, SW10.
August 1.

Dadd painting

From Mr David Gould

Sir, The astronomical rise in the value of works of art, so admirably shown in the difference between the price realised at auction in 1964 for Dadd's "Oberon and Titania" and the price earlier this year – £550,000 against a mere £7,000 – is no reflection upon the persuasive auctioneer, as your correspondent from Scarborough suggests (July 27). But it is a sad reflection upon the scholarship, or the aesthetic awareness of those in charge of public galleries who might have purchased the picture for the nation nearly 20 years ago.

Time after time in the past 40 years I have seen first-class paintings, often "unfashionable" at that moment, sold cheaply at auction and I have regretfully concluded that there are very few perspicacious curators in charge of public galleries in this country.

Perhaps it is an unwritten law that nothing should be added to a public collection unlss it is very highly priced? Nevertheless, Sir Karl Parker bought wonderful drawings for the Ashmolean at Oxford on a limited budget and there are a few municipal galleries, such as the little one at Hove, in Sussex, where an even smaller budget is obviously laid out with remarkable acumen.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GOULD,
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Balham, SW12.
August 1.

Limits of parole

From Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, MP for Knowsley North (Labour)

Sir, Lord Windlesham, the Chairman of the Parole Board, rightly draws attention (July 21) to the contribution which extending parole to short-term prisoners could make to reducing reoffending.

The overwhelming weight of evidence indicates that any impact which imprisonment may have occurs mainly in the early stages of the sentence. Thereafter, continued detention blunts the impact which a shorter sentence could have, as prisoners adjust to the inmates. Moreover, research has shown that the combined effect of parole supervision and the threat of recall to prison for misbehaviour significantly reduces the probability of offenders being reconvicted.

Lord Windlesham refers to the financial cost of extending parole to short-termers, which the Home Office estimates at £2,250,000. In relation to the overall cost of the penal system, this would be a relatively economical way of providing for an average of 2,500 people who would otherwise be in prison to be under supervision in the community. However, these estimates make no reference to the large savings which would result from ending the holding in police custody of prisoners for whom there is at present no room in prison: the annual cost of keeping an average of 300 prisoners in police custody is £11m.

Overall, therefore, this long-overdue measure would both increase public protection and produce a net reduction in public expenditure.

Sincerely,
ROBERT KILROY-SILK,
Chairman,
Parliamentary Penal Affairs Group,
House of Commons.
July 23.

Not cricket

From Mr T. M. Sharman

Sir, It is bad enough to agree to have cruise missiles here in England, but to have American football as well must surely herald the end of our ancient and revered civilisation.

Yours sincerely,
T. M. SHARMAN
1 Walton Crescent,
Oxford.
August 8.

Going private

From Mr I. J. Woolf

Sir, Your editorial on July 18 and Mr Alan Tuffin's letter (July 26) prompt me to write.

I do not know all the pros and cons of privatising British Telecom but, having seen one case of privatisation close at hand, I can assure you that it is a concept which does not always work out quite as well as its proponents would have you believe.

The British Forces Broadcasting Service was, until April last year, a most efficient and low-cost organisation operating as a part of the Ministry of Defence. Shortly after May, 1979, I was told that privatisation, or hiving off, which previously had been rejected as a method of running, was now a distinct possibility.

Fresh studies were commissioned – and these went on for over two years – but in the end no one was able to identify any savings, either in financial or staff terms, which would accrue out of privatisation. But my impression was that ministers were determined to push the idea through, irrespective of the merits of the case.

Major objections to the plan included the merging of the BFBS with the SKC (Services Kinema Corporation) a quite dissimilar organisation with which we had nothing in common: our strong feeling that Forces broadcasting had developed very well under the direct MoD umbrella, so why the change? Also the staff felt that the hive-off would lead to a separation from our audience – the Armed Forces – and to a loss of contact.

All to no avail – privatisation was the "in" word. As a result the morale of staff is very low, and a number have already left (despite financial inducements!) or are in the process of doing so. This can only lead to a lowering of quality of the output.

Finally, and more importantly, the ministry which, under the former arrangement, was able, through me, to state its requirement and control higher policy, is now no longer in that happy situation (It now only has representatives on the corporation's board) and, of course, the ministry continues to pay the bill – and a higher one at that.

Yours faithfully
IAN WOOLF,
201 Roehampton Lane, SW15.
July 26.

Ways of achieving mobility at top

From Mr D. D. Green

Sir, Those of us who have managed to spend some time on both sides of the barrier which separates the Civil Service and industry will share George Walden's concern (feature, August 5) at the institutional constraints which make greater interchange so difficult to achieve.

The recent demise of the Central Policy Review Staff has removed another area in which cross-fertilisation between the public and private sectors could take place in a variety of ways and at a variety of levels.

We should welcome any initiatives which will provide for greater mobility between the upper levels of Whitehall and industry. Otherwise mutual distrust and incomprehension will remain the order of the day rather than the dialogue and consensus which is so urgently needed here and is apparently more easily achieved by some of our major overseas competitors.

Yours sincerely,
D. D. GREEN,
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Fordingbridge,
Hampshire.
August 5.

From Mr A. C. Jefford

Sir, One may applaud George Walden's energetic call for mobility between "business, the senior Civil Service and politics", more than likely, as he says, the prevalent "apartheid mentality" has its roots in the security-loving national character. But to suggest that the way out of this impasse is to be found in the example of the French ENA system, and to further claim that one of its chief virtues is its "powerful old boys' network", enabling *enarques* to "range ambitiously around the French establishment", is to propound a solution that is worse than the problem itself.

What Mr Walden is proposing, in the same breath as he damns the trade unions for having failed to advance beyond the nineteenth century, is a classic though unspoken closed-shop agreement: jobs for the boys, by any other name. "But look at the quality of the product", he urges.

The ENA system produces – agreed – a handful of brilliant academic racehorses, trained for every jump and clever enough to shut the stable doors on all but their own thoroughbred stock: what sort of mobility is that? Where, then, would be your Luke Rittners, your Stuart Youngs?

It has taken a long time for the British to draw reluctantly away from the cherished old-boy mentality and at many a selection board it lingers yet: the last thing we need is a reinstitutionalisation of this divisive and alienating system at the place it matters most – the top.

Yours faithfully,
A. C. JEFFORD,
70 Herne Hill, SE24.
August 6.

From Professor P. G. Moore

Sir, Mr George Walden ("On your bikes at the top", August 5) suggests the setting up of a British version of the French Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA). We already have parallels in the UK in the shape of business schools, such as those at London and Manchester.

However, some two thirds of the graduates of these schools go into manufacturing industry (contrary to popular mythology), with the remainder into a variety of service industries. Virtually none of the graduates enter the Civel Service, the Diplomatic Corps, the nationalised industries or the clearing banks. Hence, the interchange at the top that Mr Walden advocates, rightly in my view, simply cannot take place in the manner he suggests.

We don't need to set up a new ENA in the UK; we need to change both the attitudes at the top towards interchange and the recruitment policies lower down the various sectors concerned.

Yours faithfully,
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August 5.

Paid jobs for all

From Mr E. C. L. Butler

Sir, Following the letter in your issue of today (August 3) it seems obvious, and certainly not demeaning to the nature of man, that as his mastery of the techniques of production increases there will be a trend towards a shorter working week – but not, one would think, as low as 20 hours in the foreseeable future.

There is surely no basis for the almost "Luddite" thinking which seems to be prevalent, to the effect that any new invention which increases the work that can be done by other than human hands is bound to decrease the opportunities for employment. The history of the past 200 years shows that new, hitherto unheard of opportunities for employment are opened up.

I see no reason for pessimistic views that paid and useful work will not be available in the future for all of working age. Any period of great change, and particularly the very rapid changes in the last 10 or 20 years, causes temporary unemployment, which may last for some years, but in the end new jobs will arise.

One of the problems, of course, lies in attitudes to education and training, including such matters as apprenticeships, but when we hear, as we do increasingly, of the facility shown by even young children in using the new microcomputers and video technology, surely this gives us all hope for the future.

It is clear that further thought must be given to the need for the education and training of all people to the standards required for the future.

Yours very truly,
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Post Hill,
Tiverton,
Devon.

Pensions policy

From Mr D. Colin Evans

Sir, Messrs Nottage and Rhodes (July 18) call for a royal commission to examine some of the major social and financial problems inherent in our national pensions policy.

While many feel that pension provision is inadequate, especially for those who change jobs in mid-career, an examination is needed of the over-provision in the public sector and the immediate effects on the economy.

Because the public sector provides not only a pension based on full salary but also the state pension, the total quantum of benefit enjoyed by the public servant generates a pension well in excess of the conventional target of two-thirds final salary.

This initial pension is such that public servants earning less than about £12,000 a year will be better off in retirement than their colleagues at work. Surely this is a major distortion and an excessive allocation of resources to the retired public servant.

The scale of this distortion is as much as £2bn a year and would be much higher if account was taken of inflation-proofing and the earlier retirement age for men – after 60 compared with 65 in the private sector.

It may be that a reduction in pension allocation could enhance salaries in the public sector. However, if public-service salaries can be justified at the present levels then the subsidy in favour of public-service pensioners should be eliminated. The sums involved would be of major interest not only to the Chancellor but also to the taxpayer – after all, they represent pennies off income tax.

Yours sincerely,
COLIN EVANS,
William M. Mercer Ltd,
4 Southampton Place WC1.
July 27.

Fidgeting denied

From Mr Richard Searby

Sir, Mr Leapman, in his recently published book, *Barefaced Cheek*, concerning Mr Rupert Murdoch's business career, wrote that I tell people Mr Murdoch is "a fidget" (page 150); weight is lent by his associated statement that "the man who knows Murdoch best is probably Richard Searby".

The reviews of the book which have appeared in your columns and in other national papers have now given publicity to characterizing Mr Murdoch in that way beyond anything which the book itself would have achieved.

Mr Leapman states that his book is "the product of more than 120 interviews in Britain, Australia and the United States" (page 7). He did not have an interview with me; he did not seek one. Mr Leapman appears to have taken the attributed remark from an earlier work on the same subject by Mr Simon Regan. There it appears as my alleged description of Mr Murdoch in his schooldays.

In an endeavour to forestall further perpetuation of this "furphy" may I say that in 41 years I have never described Mr Murdoch as a fidget, not in reference to schooldays nor in relation to his subsequent career. In my view such a description would be untrue of him at any time and, for his later years, fanciful.

May I add for myself that it is equally fanciful to suppose I think (or ever thought) that your paper is (was) "a smelly little rag" (Leapman, page 234).

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD SEARBY,
The News Corporation Ltd,
2 Holt Street,
Sydney, Australia.

Relatively speaking

From Mr A. F. Deveson

Sir, As "one of these whom guys", so described by an RAF NCO to a fellow corporal more than 40 years ago after I had used the word (correctly), I protest at the use of it in today's leader (August 9): "If Labour reaches office, there is no doubt whom the *de facto* deputy Prime Minister must be . . ."

Yours faithfully,
A. F. DEVESON,
10 Hampden Drive,
Kidlington, Oxford.

Sea change

From Mr D. G. J. Millington

Sir, Mr Kilpatrick (August 6) should count himself lucky to have been spared "crewperson".

Yours faithfully,
D. G. J. MILLINGTON,
Bowsey Hill House,
Nr Walgrave,
Berkshire.
August 6.

COURT AND SOCIAL

SOCIAL NEWS

The Prince of Wales, president, Royal College of Music Centenary Appeal, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, will attend a concert given by Mr Barry Manilow at the Festival Hall on October 6.

The Prince of Wales, Duke of Rothesay, will open a new holiday home of the Multiple Sclerosis Society at Grantown on Spey, Moray, on October 13.

Princess Anne, President of the British Olympic Association, will attend a quarterly National Olympic Committee meeting at Great Portland Street on September 7.

Princess Anne will attend a concert given by the Sun Life Stanshawe Bank and Combined Operatic Societies in aid of the Save the Children Fund, at Exeter, on October 29.

Princess Anne, Patron of the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds, will attend the Halloween Fayre of the North Middlesex Federation, in aid of the Save the Children Fund, at Ruislip, on October 31.

Princess Anne will attend the Family Welfare Association's celebrity luncheon at the Inter-Continental Hotel on October 27.

The Duke of Kent will carry out industrial visits and will attend the 1983 "Not a Last Night at the Proms" concert at the Philharmonic Hall in Liverpool on November 3.

The Duke of Kent will be the guest of honour at the Dynamicables centenary dinner at the Café Royal, London, on November 9.

The Duke of Kent, Chairman of the National Electronics Council, will be present at the Mountbatten lecture at the Institution of Electrical Engineers, London, WC2, on November 10.

The Duke of Kent, President of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, will attend the Gardeners' remembrance service in Westminster Abbey, on November 11.

The Duke of Kent, as patron, will attend the Army Ski Association's cocktail party at 13, Grosvenor Crescent, London, on November 15.

The Duke of Kent will visit the Production Engineering Research Association of Great Britain at Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, on November 16.

The Duke of Kent will visit the factory of Mullard in Durham and, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will carry out an industrial visit in the area on November 23.

The Duke of Kent, as president, will attend a reception for the launch of the Business and Technician Education Council at the Reform Club, London, on November 24.

A thanksgiving service for the life of Evelyn Viscountess Younger of Leckie will be held at the Church of the Holy Rude, Stirling, on Sunday, August 28, at 3 pm.

The Hon Mrs Philip Remnant gave birth to a daughter in London on Tuesday.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr M. J. LeF. Porteous and Miss B. A. Beevor

The engagement is announced between Matthew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robin Porteous, of Elgin Crescent, London, and Bridget Anastasia, eldest daughter of Sir Thomas Beevor, of Hargham Hall Norfolk, and Barbara Lady Beevor, of Marlingford, Norfolk.

Mr P. A. C. Armstrong and Miss A. K. Bryant

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr John Armstrong, of Waldron, Sussex, and the late Mrs Elizabeth Armstrong, and Annabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Bryant, of Wigginton, Oxfordshire.

Mr N. Commin and Miss A. Leviseur

The engagement is announced between Neil, only son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Commin, and Anne younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. H. Leviseur, both of Rottingdean, Sussex.

Dr C. A. East and Dr L. A. Bradley

The engagement is announced between Charles East, of London, and Lesley Bradley, of North Yorkshire.

Dr N. A. Fletcher and Dr M. E. Illingworth

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs P. W. Fletcher, of Radlett, Hert, and Mary, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs J. B. Illingworth, of Hindon, Salisbury.

Lieutenant S. H. Jackson, RN and Miss F. K. Carmichael

The engagement is announced between Stuart, youngest son of Mr and Mrs G. Jackson, of Cleckheaton, Yorkshire and Kate, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. F. Carmichael, of Hongkong formerly of Kingswood, Surrey

Mr W. R. Kincaid and Miss F. M. Crosfield

The engagement is announced between William Robert, son of Mr and Mrs William Kincaid, 11 Poplar Avenue, Bishopton, Renfrewshire, and Fiona Mary, daughter of The Very Rev Philip and Mrs Crosfield, 8 Lansdowne Crescent, Edinburgh.

Dr T. K. Pilgram and Miss F. B. Marshall

The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr G. F. Pilgram, of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Mrs M. P. Mendiola, of Lakeside, California, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. P. Marshall, of Nairobi, Kenya.

Mr S. J. Suttle and Miss R. A. Warren

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Dr and Mrs E. F. A. Suttle, of Malvern, Worcestershire, and Rosemary, daughter of Mr L. F. P. Warren, of Shaftesbury, Dorset, and Mrs L. E. Holloway, of West Morden, Dorset.

Mr H. W. F. Wildblood and Miss R. Martin

The engagement is announced between Hugo, elder son of Mr F. R. I. Wildblood and the late Mrs P. A. M. Wildblood, of Stone, Staffordshire, and Rosemary, younger daughter of Mr M. Martin and the late Mrs J. M. Martin, of Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Mr T. A. Willasey-Wilsey and Miss A. M. Mackie

The engagement is announced between Tim, younger son of Major-General and Mrs A. P. Willasey-Wilsey, of Market Drayton, Shropshire, and Alison, only daughter of Mr J. G. Mackie, of the Algarve, and Mrs M. Mackie of Aberdeen

Marriages

Mr A. Buchanan and Miss K. Lloyd

The marriage took place in the Chapel of St Andrews University on Thursday, August 4, of Mr Alan Buchanan, of Edinburgh, and Miss Kate Lloyd, of Ripponden, West Yorkshire. The bride was given in marriage by her father and Lieutenant Charles Mackintosh was best man.

Mr K. S. Fayle and Miss K.-L. Campkin

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 6, in the Chapel of Oriel College, Oxford, of Mr Kenneth Stephen Fayle and Miss Kira-Louise Campkin.

A reception was held in Oriel College.

The Rev J. P. Haldane-Stevenson and Mrs J. T. Smith

The marriage took place on August 6 in Melbourne Cathedral of the Rev James Patrick Haldane-Stevenson and Mrs Joan Talbot Smith, only daughter of Lieutenant-Commander C. W. Wilson, of Falmouth, and Mrs Hilda Langley, of Canberra.

Mr M. Spierenburg and Miss L. K. Cowger

The marriage took place on Sunday, August 7, at the Russian Orthodox Church, Emperor's Gate, of Mr Milan Spierenburg, younger son of *Mr and Mrs Dirk Spierenburg*, of Wassenaar, Holland, and Miss Liza Cowger, eldest daughter of Mr Robert E. Cowger, of Bronxville, New York, and of Mrs Cowger.

A reception was held at the Hyde Park Hotel and the honeymoon *will* be spent abroad.

Mr S. E. Wright and Miss R. L. Davies

The marriage took place on *Saturday at the church of St. James* the Great, Ruscombe, of Mr Simon Edward Wright, youngest son of Commander and Mrs E. J. Wright, of Elm House, Ampleforth, and Miss Rachel Louise Davies, younger daughter of *Mr* and Mrs Brin Davies, of Castle End Farm, Ruscombe, Berkshire.

The Rev John Fearn officiated and an address was given by Dom Henry Wansborough, OSB. Mr Andy Duncan was best man.

A reception was held at The Compleat Angler, Marlow.

Birthdays today

Mr Don Boyd, 35; Mr G. A. Case, 51; Mr Ron Grainer, 61; Professor Alun Hoddinott, 54; Lord Houghton of Sowerby, CH, 85; Professor A. N. Jeffares, 63; Sir William Jenkin, 84; Dr Aaron Klug, 57; Dame Jean Lancaster, 74; Mr Raymond Leppard, 56; Miss Anna Massey, 46; Lord Poole, 72; Mr Michael Quinlan, 53; General Sir Charles Richardson, 75; Miss Peggy Thorpe-Bates, 69; Mr Eric Varley, MP, 51; Professor Sir Angus Wilson, 70.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Charles Wallace to be Ambassador to Uruguay, in succession to Miss P. M. Hutchinson, who will be taking up a further Diplomatic Service appointment.

Sir Leonard Figg, former Ambassador to the Republic of Ireland, to be a Vice-Chairman of the Council of the British Red Cross Society.

Royal Marines passing out

Lieutenant-General Sir Steuart Pringle was the inspecting officer when the following Royal Marines officers passed for duty at the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines, on Wednesday:

Acting lieutenants: N M R Arding, D A Capewell, J Herring, P R F Howes, I P Huntley, S C Mudd, J A S Ryall, S P Sheppard, J M Southwood, K P Thompson, M F Whitwell. Second lieutenants: R J Allen, T S Bevis, D M E Evans, R P Gibson, V G Gwillim, M E Woodward.

The Sword of Honour was awarded to Acting Lieutenant N M R Arding.

The following overseas officers also passed for duty: Officer Cadet P N Smith, Jamaican Defence Force; W N Martindale, Barbadian Defence Force.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net before tax paid):

Boden, Mr John Hewetson, of Gayton, Northamptonshire, company chairman ... £417,239

Carmichael, Mrs Elizabeth, of Scarborough, North Yorkshire ... £339,954

MacAlpine, Miss Rachel Marjorie, of Grasmere, Cumbria ... £642,091

Preston, Mrs Rose Ethel, of Shenstone, Staffordshire ... £292,772

Scarborough, Mr Joseph Richard, of Southgate, London, builder ... £283,752

Rance, Mr Harold William, of Woodcocks Hill, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, ... £202,504



Philatelic funfair

British fairs are featured on four stamps to be issued by the Post Office on October 5, the 850th anniversary of St Bartholomew's Fair in London's Smithfield.

***The designs, by Andrew* Restall, feature a merry-go-round on the 16p stamp, the big wheel and performing animals on the 20½p, a shooting gallery on the 28p, and reminders of early fairs on the 31p.**

The stamps will be printed *in multi-colour photogravure* by Harrison and Sons (High Wycombe).

How Queen Mary rescued a treasure

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

The late Queen Mary's role in rescuing one of Britain's most notable prehistoric antiquities from *oblivion* has *just* been officially revealed, nearly half a century later. The Rillaton Cup, a very early example of sheet gold work now in the British *Museum, was brought to light* through Queen Mary's intervention, after it spent many years holding King George V's collar studs.

The true story of the Rillaton Cup is detailed, in the quarterly magazine *Antiquity*, by Professor Christopher Hawkes of Oxford university, who was on *the staff of the* British Museum when the cup was recovered in 1936. His letter to the Prince of Wales telling what happened has been released for publication with the Prince's consent.

The gold cup was found in a burial mound at Rillaton in Cornwall in 1837 and, with the *other material from* the barrow, was sent to King William IV, of the Duchy of Cornwall. After the King's death a few weeks later, the cup disappeared, until *it* was found by Prince Albert in the 1850s.

Prince Albert installed the cup, and a dagger that had been found with it, in the family museum at Osborne House in the Isle of Wight. By the death of George V in 1936, however, the cup was no longer there. At this point Queen Mary was approached by Sir Owen Morshead, the librarian at Windsor Castle, who showed her an early engraving of the object.

Shortly afterwards, the Queen told Sir Owen that she had found it, on the late King's dressing table, and King Edward VIII was induced to deposit it in the British Museum.

The dagger blade was found, still at Osborne House, and Professor Hawkes was asked to write an explanatory label for *the display in the British* Museum.

Queen Mary: 'Naturally cross'.

His legend, "Deposited by HM King", referring to Edward VIII, was still there uncorrected *when* Queen Mary visited the museum with Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret in 1937, after the accession of George VI, and the Queen was, Professor Hawkes says, "naturally cross". Nevertheless it is she, as his letter to the Prince of Wales emphasizes, "who should be given most credit for restoring the Rillaton Cup to archaeology".

Nightly sports show for cable TV subscribers

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

A new hour-long television sports channel will be beamed by satellite every night to cable subscribers in Britain next year.

The programme, put together by West Nally, a British sports agency, will be transmitted on Satellite Television each night between 9pm and 10pm when broadcasts *on the new Euro*pean satellite ECS-1 begin in January.

The sports channel will be the forerunner of several such channels which are expected to be offered to cable television subscribers from next year. The government has given approval for early expansion of cable *television* in the United Kingdom and has invited applications for 12 pilot franchises for areas with 100,000 homes. Applications must be submitted this month and the franchises will be awarded in November.

West Nally intends to be a "wholesaler" for sport cable television coverage, acting for clients with television rights to sporting events. The group is in discussions with the General Association of International Sports Federation which owns the rights to most important international sporting events. The company has also had talks with Cable Sports and Leisure (CSL) and Screensport, which both intend to offer sports channels on cable television in Britain.

Satellite Television will broadcast between 5.30pm and 10.30pm every evening.

Welcoming a wooden warrior

A Roman warrior, standing 14ft tall and weighing two-and-a-half tons, was hauled through the streets of Portsmouth to the city's naval base yesterday.

The warrior is the new figurehead for HMS Warrior, Britain's first iron-clad warship, which is undergoing a multi-million restoration in Hartlepool.

The figurehead arrived in Portsmouth from Cowes, Isle of Wight, where it was carved from Canadian yellow pine by Jack Whitehead and Norman Gaches.

It was pulled to the naval base by city council officials led by the Mayor, Mr Leslie Kitchen, his wife, Jeannie, and Mr Ian Gibson, the leader of the council. HMS Warrior will go on display at the base in 1986.

Tourists boost Britain's video trade

By Derek Harris Commercial Editor

Tourists, mostly from African countries, are buying video recorders in British shops to export them home where prices *are often three* times higher.

A group of mainly central London dealers is specializing in supplying this new market which is underpinning Britain's continued rental and sales boom in recorders. Britain has more video recorders per head of population than any other country.

The dealers are importing, mainly from Japan, sets appropriate to the technical systems in use in different countries.

Foreign tourists do not pay value added tax on personal exports.

Mr Arthur Collingwood, a director of Video International in London, explained: "It means that Nigerians, our biggest customers so far, can buy a basic machine at about £370, which is a third of the price in Nigeria."

Sales are also made to Australians, New Zealanders and Greeks. Video recorders are about twice the price in Australia.

In most European countries recorders are cheaper than in Britain. Greece, with a more complex television system, is an exception.

About 70 per cent of Video International's sales are now to foreign nationals. In six months it has sold about 500 machines for personal export.

Direct sales of recorders to Britons have been *flagging* as more viewers have switched to renting.

OBITUARY

MR HOWARD DIETZ

Major American lyric writer

Alan Jay Lerner writes:

Howard Dietz who died in New York City on July 30, was one of the last three great lyric writers who emerged in the 1920s, that period known as the Classic Age of popular music. The remaining two are Irving Berlin, who has just celebrated his 95th birthday, and Ira Gershwin, who is hovering around the mid-eighties.

Born in New York City and a graduate of Columbia University, from the late Twenties until he was forced into retirement by the tragic affliction of Parkinson's disease some 18 years ago, Howard Dietz and his composing partner, Arthur Schwartz, contributed to the best of American theatre music.

If their plays are not as performed as are Rogers and Hammerstein's, for example, it is because Dietz's forte was the revue, and revues being by nature topical, are not the stuff of revivals. However, Dietz's lyrics shine on: *Dancing in the Dark, That's Entertainment, You and the Night and the Music, Louisiana Hayride, Shine on Your Shoes*; the etcetera is endless. The review *The Bandwagon*, which he wrote in 1931 for Fred and Adele Astaire, remains the pinnacle of all reviews.

His lyrics are distinguished for their wit, their grace, their imaginative rhythms and, above all, for their charm. In a world where lyrical charm is almost an extinct species, there is no one to replace Howard Dietz.

Oddly enough, lyric writing was, in a way, his second profession. His 9-to-5 job was as vice-president in charge of publicity for Metro Goldwyn Mayer. The familiar lion that announces it is an MGM picture was one of Dietz's early inventions.

He was also, I may add, an expert bridge player, a first-rate chess man, a fine golfer, a surprisingly talented painter and one of the world's wittiest and most amusing companions. His wit, however, was never at the expense of others. Howard Dietz was a kind man.

He was also a gallant man, and he fought his illness down to the wire, even finding the clarity of mind during the struggle to write his memoirs, which, by some alchemy, sparkle.

It is difficult for those of us who knew him to imagine this world without him. But, alas, as one of his lyrics said: "Time hurries by, we're here and gone."

MAJ-GEN R. A. STEPHEN

Major-General R. A. Stephen, CB, CBE, MD, FRCS, who died on July 9 aged 76, was Director of Army Surgery and Consulting Surgeon to the Army, Royal Army Medical College, *from 1959 to* 1967.

Educated at Aberdeen Grammar School, he received his medical training at Aberdeen University, graduating MB, ChB, in 1930. *He later* proceeded to MD, FRCS, MS and ChM.

Commissioned into the RAMC in 1934 he served with distinction during the Second World War in France, Egypt, Libya, Greece, Crete, Belgium, Holland and Germany; during which period he was mentioned in dispatches no less than three times.

He was ADMS to the 51st (Highland) Division until he was appointed Assistant Professor of Military Surgery at the Royal Army Medical College.

He was appointed OBE in *1954 and CBE in 1958 while* Consulting Surgeon to the Far East Land Forces. In 1959 he became the Director of Surgery and Consulting Surgeon to the Army and also Consulting Surgeon to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

In 1960 he was appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Queen. *He became an Officer of* the Order of St John, in 1964 and was made a CB. He was the first army surgeon to be granted a Hunterian Professorship.

During his retirement he became chairman of two RAMC benevolent societies, the General Fund and the Officers', Widows' and Orphans' Friendly Society and a member of the Officers' Benevolent Society. He was an active supporter and one of the founder members of the Phyliss Tuckwell Memorial Hospice.

MR HARRY SMITH

Mr Harry Smith, an architect who made significant contributions to hospital design, died on August 5, after a short illness, aged 54.

After graduating at the School of Architecture in Leeds and a brief period working in Yorkshire, he joined the LCC Architect's Department in the mid-1950s where he worked on *general projects* and on school buildings of all types.

In 1961 he became Assistant Regional Architect to the South-West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board and began a period in which he made a distinguished contribution to the design of hospitals and health care buildings. Many will recall his complete dedication to finding the answers to complex architectural design problems, often involving conflicting requirements and the seemingly effortless solutions that he produced.

In 1967, after a brief period engaged in research and development at the GLC Architect's Department, he joined Watkins Gray International (UK). In 1969 he became a Partner and in 1973 one of the Senior Partners.

With Watkins Gray he was the Architect and Partner responsible for the design of Guy's Hospital, the re-development of the Brompton and National Heart Hospitals and the re-development of Moorfields Eye Hospital. He was also involved with the current work at the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children.

His other works included the design of the National Heart and Chest Hospital in Baghdad, Private and General Hospitals in many parts of the country, and major developments for the Post Office.

Harry Smith was a member of the Worshipful Company of Felt Makers.

He leaves a widow, Kay, and a daughter, Hilary, and a son, Nigel.

Mr Roger Alastair McLaren Davidson, CMG, who died on August 9 at the age of 83, was Secretary of the Scottish Universities Entrance Board from 1953 to 1966, and had previously been Director of Education in Nigeria 1944-51 and Inspector-General of Education there 1951-53.

Mr Tom Gardner Moore, former president of the Newspaper Society, has died at his home in Southsea, Portsmouth, at the age of *85*.

Mr David Pascoe Aiers, CMG, who died on July 15 at the age of 60, was High Commissioner to Sri Lanka and Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives from 1976 to 1979 and High Commissioner in Malta from 1979 to 1982.

Correction

Mr Raymond Massey, whose obituary was published on August 1, played Mr Zuss, representing God, in the Broadway production of Archibald MacLeish's *JB* not the title part.

Burnt flint artifacts help to date early settlement

One of the earliest sites to be occupied in southern Britain at the end of the last (Devensian) Ice Age has been recognized at Hengistbury Head, Dorset.

Dating from around 10,500BC the site forms the remains of an open-air encampment temporarily occupied by Upped Palaeolithic hunters. New evidence for the age of the Hengistbury site comes from burnt *flint artifacts* associated with the main habitation layer.

Using the established dating technique of Thermoluminescence, the Research Laboratory for Archaeology and the History of Art, Oxford, has produced six age determinations for the site clustering around the mid-11th millennium BC (*The Times, July 20, 1983*).

The excavations, which have been taking place since 1981 under the direction of Nick Barton, of the Donald Baden-Powell Quaternary Research Centre, Oxford, have also uncovered traces of working areas where flint was first brought into the site and then expertly flaked into various tools for hide scraping and other processing activities.

Some of the flint implements display particularly heavy signs of use and were clearly resharpened as demonstrated by the refitting of flake spalls back on to the main tool.

A further source of information on the function of the implements has been provided by a microscopic examination of their working edges which has shown that in some cases wood and bone materials were *almost certainly* worked at the site, too.

Both the age and type of finds recovered from Hengistbury suggest close affinities with sites on the continental mainland, and it now seems likely that groups of Upper Palaeolithic hunters were regularly moving across the dry plains now covered by the North Sea and the Channel in pursuit of migrating herds of reindeer and wild horse.

Such nomadism was clearly part of the palaeolithic hunters' everyday life, but it is perhaps suprising in view of the great distances involved that the nearest types to the Hengistbury artifacts *are to be found* as far away as the Hamburg region of northern Germany.

The more immediately adjacent areas of northern France and Belgium, *though* providing rich occupation evidence throughout this period, do not seem to have shared many common associations with the southern English site.

Nick Barton
Oxford University

Science report

Astonomers find another 'millisecond' pulsar

By Clive Cookson, Technology Correspondent

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Technology Correspondent

Astronomers have discovered a second "millisecond pulsar", a neutron star whirling around so fast that its period of rotation is measured in thousandths of a second.

The discovery of pulsar PSR1953+29, using the Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico, is an important astronomical event, as the present issue of *Nature* testifies by devoting six scientific papers to the subject. It shows that the first millisecond pulsar, PSR1937+214, whose detection by the same telescope caused much excitement last year, is not an astronomical freak. But these extraordinary objects must be uncommon, otherwise more would have been found during the intense search for them over the past year.

The more common type of pulsar, rotating about once a second, is believed to be the remnant of a supernova – a gigantic stellar explosion – which collapses under gravitational pressure to form a neutron star. It is many million times denser than any conventional star, and its separate atoms have been crushed out of existence, leaving just neutrons.

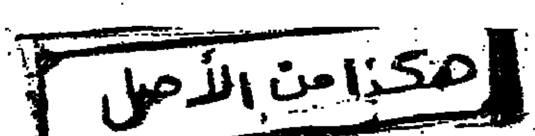
According to the theories published in *Nature*, the new class of millisecond pulsars originates in a quite different and much quieter manner. It is the end-point in the evolution of some binary stars, after one star in the pair reaches the dwarf stage while its companion is expanding into a giant. Then the gravity of the densely packed dwarf sucks in gas from the giant until the former is heavy enough to become a neutron star.

The giant ends up as a dwarf itself, stripped of all but its helium core and too light to be a neutron star. This scenario fits in with preliminary observations of the new pulsar PSR1953+29, which is a binary system with the right characteristics.

As matter spirals into the emerging neutron star from its shrinking companion, the angular momentum makes it spin faster and faster. The two millisecond pulsars discovered so far rotate 642 and 164 times a second, yet the strong nuclear forces which hold the neutrons together can withstand such amazing stresses.

The pulsar emits a sharp pulse of radiation with every rotation. The mechanism is not well understood but involves charged particles trapped in the pulsar's magnetic field. As the pulsar loses energy it spins gradually more slowly and the interval between pulses increases.

Source: *Nature* (vol 304, pp417-497) August 4, 1983.



THE ARTS

Sean Mathias's *Cowardice*, which opens at the Ambassadors tonight, has lured the director Anthony Page home to the British stage after a decade away. Interview by **Sheridan Morley**

The view from the outside world

Some day soon, some historian of the postwar British theatre is going to have to work out precisely why it was that the most talented team of directors ever established in this country at one theatre (the Royal Court) by one man (George Devine) had all, within a decade of that man's death, quit the mainstream London theatre without much desire to return except for the occasional single show. Why, in fact, the very men who might have been expected to be running our main theatrical establishments in the 1980s are the four most notable by their absence from them. Tony Richardson went to California and the occasional feature film, William Gaskill to the touring fringe, Lindsay Anderson to what was left of the British film industry and Anthony Page to American television.

But this summer one of them at least is back in central London: Page's first British stage production in 10 years opens at the Ambassadors tonight after a recent tour. Written by Sean Mathias and called *Cowardice*, it is the story of a strange and obsessive relationship between an actress and a writer who fantasizes an existence in the plays of Nöel Coward, and it stars Janet Suzman and Nigel Davenport with Ian McKellen, who first took the play to Page in New York almost two years ago:

"Ian was doing *Amadeus* at the time, and one Sunday night we had a reading of *Cowardice* in my loft in New York with Ian, an American actress and Nicol Williamson in what is now the Davenport part. It struck me then as a remarkable piece about a brother and sister living in a dream world where he believes he is still in touch with Coward, and we decided there and then to go a stage further and try a reading in London. That we did a year later, with Ian again and Judi Dench and Simon Callow in the other roles. At that time we were thinking of it as a studio-theatre piece, though recently in Bath and Brighton with the final cast I think we've established that it can work in much larger theatres too. Certainly I've not come across any other play in the last ten years which has made me want to come back and work in London the way that this one did."

Born in September 1935, by a remarkable coincidence in precisely the same Bangalore military hospital where Lindsay Anderson was born 12 years earlier, Page was a soldier's son who went through Winchester and Oxford towards a military career, only discovering along the way that he in fact wanted to work in the theatre:

"I was at Oxford in the mid-Fifties, at a time when most directors seemed to be at Cambridge; still, we did have Dudley Moore who once played Enobarbus for me and wrote a lot of music for my productions. But I was already obsessed by America, by Brando and the Method and a whole way of theatrical life that seemed then totally wonderful and quite alien to the middle-class literary world of Oxford. So in my first long vacation I hitch-hiked around America, and ended up as a doorman at the Paramount Cinema in Times Square. In those days you had to beg cheap plane tickets off the Canadian Royal Air Force, but I began going back to New York whenever I could, and then after Oxford I got a grant to study there at the Neighbourhood Playhouse under Sanford Meisner. I never really intended to be an actor, but I thought it might help me to be a better director if I knew how to do it.

"After a year, while I was still in New York, Tony Richardson came out to do *The Entertainer* and wrote a piece in the *New York Times* about American acting which I read, and that was how we met; he was looking for an assistant at the Court who knew something about American theatre work, and he offered me a summer job there for three months in 1958."

Those three months stretched into a total of 14 years at the Court, though in that time Page did take long leaves of absence – notably to run the Dundee Rep for a year (when he first worked with Nicol Williamson) and to do the two productions that really made his name, Henry Livings's *Nil Carborundum* and Middleton's *Women Beware Women* in the first RSC experimental season at the Arts. Then it was back to the Court, where by 1964 he had become an artistic director and was doing a vast amount of that theatre's best work – Osborne's *Inadmissible Evidence*, the original *Patriot For Me*, *Hotel in Amsterdam*, *Time Present* and also such non-Osborne pieces as *Krapp's Last Tape* and *Not I*:

"But I was always terrified of being an administrator, terrified of losing in the office all the energy you need for rehearsing. Besides that, there were a lot of rows after George's death and, although some of them were undoubtedly creative, it gradually became clear to me that there was no real continuity or purpose at the Court any more. At least not for me. I also think that after 14 years in the shelter of state subsidy I was very keen to gamble again, to escape the tramlines of a set season with a new show coming in every six weeks, and just to see what the outside world was like."

And the outside world seemed to mean America: 10 years ago, by which time he had already done a lot of BBC television from *Z Cars* on, and had also directed the film of *Inadmissible Evidence*, Page was offered in California a drama-documentary based on the Pueblo Incident and since then his work has been very largely in films for American television:

"Ninety million people saw one I made a couple of years ago with Mickey Rooney, and that's not an audience to be easily despised. Besides, things only happen because you are there to make them happen: one television film leads to another if the ratings are good enough, just as one subsidized-company play can lead to another. But in this country the National and the Barbican are like great walled castles: you have to be inside them to do the work, and if you're on the outside then you get the occasional polite letter from Peter Hall but it's that much harder to get a production going from across the Atlantic."

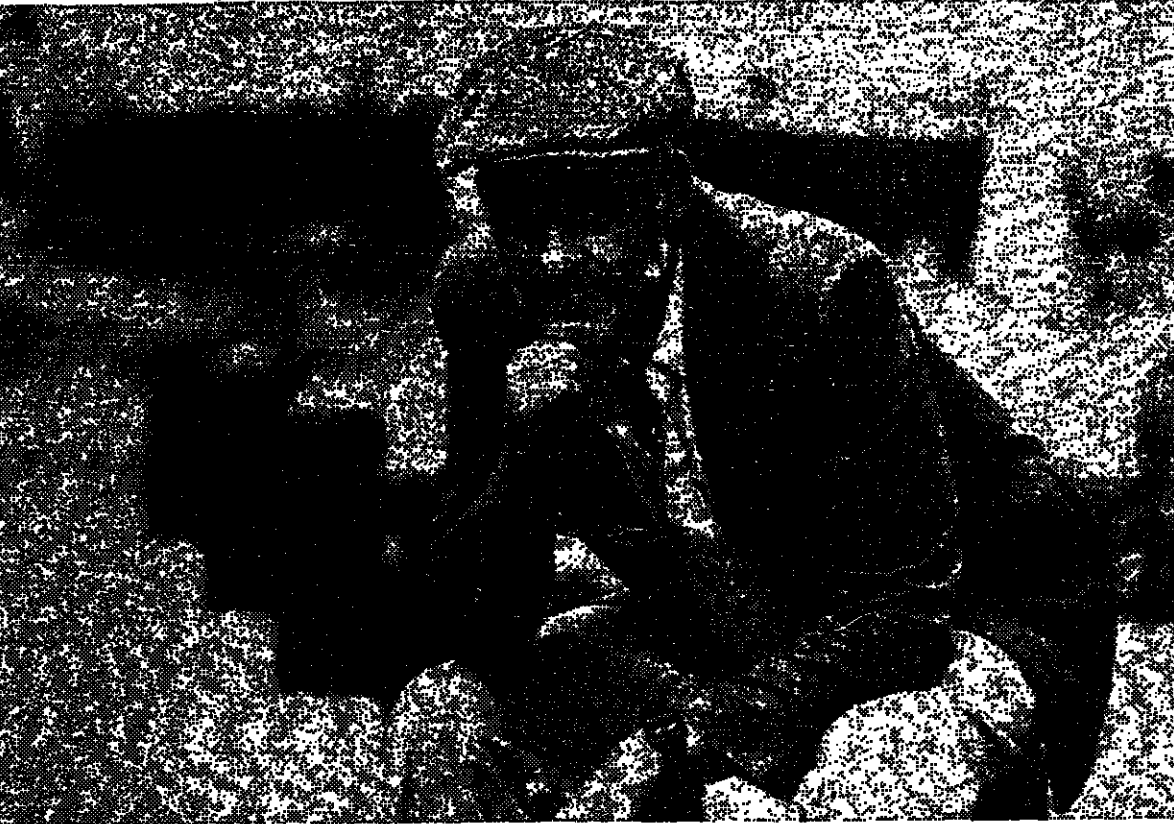
Outside television, Page has also had a somewhat less successful (albeit intriguing) feature-film career consisting of a remake of *The Lady Vanishes*, a rare Roger Corman art film called *I Never Promised You a Rose Garden* and a critically reviled Richard Burton piece about a murderous Catholic schoolmaster-priest called *Absolution*. All that plus the abortive Nureyev/Nijinsky film has left him with an understandable preference for television:

"Hollywood just takes so much longer: look at the three years Tony Richardson has spent getting *Hotel New Hampshire* in front of a camera. In America films are like the theatre: you have to put so much time and money into every single project, and then if it's a play a whole year's work can be killed overnight by a couple of lines in the *New York Times* review. There just isn't the time in anyone's life to take risks like that. In television you can work with very good people like Glenda Jackson and Dirk Bogarde, with whom I did the Roald Dahl-Pat Neal story last year, and it's all over in a matter of weeks. You don't put all your blood and sweat into a show which closes in a night."

But where his original mentor Tony Richardson is, I suspect, now lost to California forever, with Page I sense that there might now be a more permanent return to London than just *Cowardice*:

"I begin to feel terribly out of touch with London and, although I don't understand everything that's going on here (how for instance a film as good as Lindsay's *Britannia Hospital* could be dismissed by the same critics who praised the infinitely more simplistic *Ploughman's Lunch*), I do feel that perhaps I'd like to come home. The problem in America is that even in television you can never initiate anything; you have to wait for the moguls to consent, and they are getting more and more conservative under Reagan. For months I've been wanting to do a marvellous new television script of *1984* but nobody in California will touch it; 85 per cent of the Director's Guild there are unemployed now, and Reagan has made it a very cynical nation where the truth is more and more inclined to get buried. Perhaps it is time I came home for a while." That is a hint that neither the National nor the RSC should be daft enough to ignore.

David Caines



Anthony Page: "Perhaps it is time I came home for a while"

Donald Cooper



Richard O'Callaghan and Zoë Wanamaker grabbing their comic opportunities

Theatre

Going all the way for laughs

The Comedy of Errors

Stratford

Hardly is Antony Sher's red button nose back in its box after the last performance of Adrian Noble's *King Lear* than it pops up again at Stratford. And, since this is *The Comedy of Errors* and there are twin Dromios clowning around being, like their twin masters, constantly mistaken for each other, there are two noses, largely disguising the mischievous but dissimilar features of Richard O'Callaghan and Henry Goodman behind them.

For the routines, and the production consists of little else, Mr Noble has drawn on silent films (or soupily romantic talkies when emotion appears) and music hall acts as well as the circus.

Ultz, whose grotesque Restoration costumes for *The Twin Rivals* had such superbly satirical effect, has even more fun here, knowing that the whole thing is nonsense. The entire cast wear colour make-up, usually white apart from the Antipholuses, whose blue faces mark their affinity, and combine appropriate twentieth-century dress (city suits and the *Financial Times* for the Ephesus merchants) with maybe a clownish hat or Little Tich's boots.

Adriana, wife of one Antipholus and mistress of one Dromio (only one of each), gets the sort of two-piece jersey suit that suburban shrews wear in Ayckbourn, while her sister Luciana (Jane Booker) is poured into a frilly pink body stocking suitable for a magician's lady assistant, with her blonde hair twisted into a structure resembling an inverted ice-cream cone.

It may be anything for a laugh, but the laughs take a long time to come. The pit orchestra that pours out Hollywood schmaltz when Antipholus of Syracuse falls for his sister-in-law greets with a crash on the drums every Dromio pratfall, kick up the behind or knock on the bonce – never before did I realize how tedious the drubbings in Plautus or Aristophanes must have been.

Tugs-of-war collapsing in a heap, a funny policeman on his bicycle, a chase round and round the back of the set – well, that for once was really funny, but the effect, as with the Fool's set-up routines in Mr Noble's *Lear*, is to load down and slow down the action.

By the time it gets to London it will be, or ought to be, faster and sharper and no doubt the hundred or so worst gags will have been improved on. Towards the end, with the episode of Pinch the magician turned into a full-scale musical number, the audience came to life and they cheered at the end, which was nice.

The one element in the play which will never be there is the very real drama surrounding Adriana's marriage with the Ephesian Antipholus, which is cracking up badly when his Syracusan twin blunders in. Husbands back from lunch late and reluctantly after long business drinks, wife's sister refusing marriage because she sees it in practice: there is plenty here a director could have used. Similarly, little remains of the romantic scene between the Syracusan and Luciana, with him hanging upside down out of a window while the ice-cream cone drones out euphusitic Elizabethan quatrains.

As the Antipholuses, Mr Greenwood and Peter McEnery are amazingly athletic and use as much of their charm as they dare without risking reality. Zoë Wanamaker (Adriana) finds a few comic opportunities that really show her quality and grabs them. Mr Goodman, we already knew, was a born clown but Mr O'Callaghan takes to it like a natural too. Their wonderful double act with Antipholus's front door, balanced on backs and perplexingly reappearing in different places, shows the production at its best.

Anthony Masters

Opera

Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg

Bayreuth Festival

The moment which characterizes the revival of *Meistersinger* at Bayreuth comes just before the final curtain. Hans Sachs pats Sixtus Beckmesser solicitously on the back and the pair amble off towards the River Pegnitz as though nothing had happened to disturb the even tenor of life in old Nuremburg. Wolfgang Wagner's production is not about the challenge of the new to old traditions or even the sudden flowering of love between Eva and Walther. Rather it is a sunlit view of a nice, friendly city where they are jolly good fellows, one and all.

Rarely has a Beckmesser seemed as pleasant as that of Hermann Prey. Gone is the slimy, toadlike creature that Geraint Evans, among others, used to play, malice oozing from every pore. Instead there is a well-scrubbed, clean-cut chap with attractive wavy hair, still very much in the marriage market, who seems almost apologetic for making those marks on the slate when Walther's song is first heard in Act I. Herr Prey's baritone is still in good order, not a big voice but a well-rounded one with every syllable crystal-clear.

Bernd Weikl's Sachs is the main reason for catching this *Meistersinger*. He is almost certainly the best of the current crop of German-speaking operatic baritones. Weikl has been coming to Bayreuth for a decade and his Sachs shows immense assurance: he is no greybeard, fretting over making the right decisions, but a powerful master-craftsman, whose bushy, black whiskers and equally black mane suggest that he is at the height of his powers. And so too, probably, is Herr Weikl at the moment.

The voice is as sturdy as the figure and Weikl shows no sign of fading during that *Festwiese* scene, although the hour-long Bayreuth intervals must be vocally restorative. His weakness is a tendancy to bite at certain phrases and make them sound lumpy. A little more *legato* would not come amiss, but there are few if any better Sachs around at the moment. Weikl starts with a kindly but no-nonsense character and he sticks with it.



Bernd Weikl: Sachs at the height of his powers

The cast has remained virtually unchanged since the production began in 1981, with sets by Reinhard Heinrich which are as hospitable as Wolfgang Wagner's Nuremberg: the right touch of high-minded austerity for the Katharinenkirche and Sachs's workshop, picture-postcard prettiness for the central act and the final scene. Some of the singers, though, should be moving on to other roles. Walther now sounds as though it lies uncomfortably high for Siegfried Jerusalem, who was severely tested in the final act. His hangdog expression, borzoi breed, for much of the opera recalled Bob Willis in the middle of a losing streak, and this performance did not hold up a candle to his exciting Siegmund in the *Ring*. Mari Anne Haggänder is a pallid Eva, after the excessive ogling that goes on, improbably, in church. Graham Clark's David certainly lets itself be heard and seen, with much extrovert behaviour, but his tenor is often uncomfortably shrill.

Norbert Balatsch's chorus, with Bernd Weikl, provide the greatest musical pleasures of the evening, both in church and when they pour on to the banks of the Pegnitz in a decorous version of Hampstead Heath on an August Bank Holiday. Horst Stein, as last year, conducted the orchestra: the playing was no more than routine and sometimes less than that.

John Higgins

Promenade Concert

London Sinfonietta/Howarth

Albert Hall/Radio 3

The Proms' small Shostakovich festival continued on Tuesday with the Fourteenth Symphony from the London Sinfonietta. Can anyone believe that this taut, austere masterpeice could have been written by the same man who produced the "Leningrad" Symphony?

Here, everything is held in deadly check, and on this occasion the vast size of the hall magnified the economy of the effects: a single bell stroke, the unearthly clatter of *col legno* and pizzicato strings, a yearning cello solo.

The "Leningrad" assaults us with the fury of war; here war is reduced to a tapped semaphore of tiny drums and the eerie click of a xylophone. Like a dessicated echo of Mahler's *Das Lied von der Erde*, this symphony faces death with uncertainty, though without fear.

On this occasion the symphony's disturbing qualities were most effectively conjured up by Felicity Palmer, whose supreme command of the Russian sounds and their understated melodic lines has only grown since I last heard her sing them – the steely edge of her voice is now warmed and strongly focused. From where I sat, Malcolm King made a less direct impression, and Elgar Howarth's conducting was clear and cogent rather than evocative. Christopher van Kampen was the superb cello soloist.

In the first half, Ligeti's atmospherically meteorological sky-picture, *Clocks and Clouds*, resounded prettily around the hall: though the detailed interweaving of lines, like reflections in a perpetual mirror, were often lost, the overall shape – very short musical events overcome by very long musical events – was splendidly captured by Howarth and the clucking BBC Singers.

Bartok's Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta, an aptly brittle companion to the Shostakovich, fared less well: ill-tuned ensemble from the strings, and little invigoration from the conductor. But percussion and piano cut crisply through the dry Albert Hall air.

Nicholas Kenyon

Television

Cheap sentiments

"Love" is something in which advertising agencies tend to specialize, so it was perhaps not surprising that Quest for Love (Channel 4) resembled a Pearl and Dean tour of the emotions. Seven women were asked "to explore their feelings... their needs, their desires, their experiences"; and also, it seems, their capacity for cliché. The men they could love had to be "warm . . . sharing . . . protective . . . decisive . . . dynamic... macho, but not too much...". A whole Magimix of adjectives, whirling too fast in the plastic bucket of sensibility to find a suitable noun.

One young woman could not decide whether she really wanted Robert De Niro or a brain surgeon, or perhaps she meant Robert De Niro after he had seen a brain surgeon; someone else seemed to end up with "the bastards", while another wanted someone who would "make a contribution to mankind". The same woman also wanted to be "touched in a poignant place" so that she might "cry with joy and sadness" – perhaps, after all, that might be a large enough contribution.

With the settled conviction that they knew what they were talking about, for a whole hour men discussed women and women discussed men, compounding some vapid generalizations with the odd misfired aphorism. Surely Sappho and Catullus could do better than this, even from the grave – and it ought to be apparent by now, from programmes such as this, that most people have nothing of interest to say on even those subjects which touch them in a poignant place.

Quest for Love, however, was remarkable for its strange electronic tricks: it looked as if it had been edited by first-year students in a film school. An irritating extra was the male interviewer, who asked what he obviously considered to be disturbing questions in a bogus mid-Atlantic accent. The whole programme in fact exuded fakery – the equivalent of those advertisements where actors pose as members of the "general public" in order to talk about the shampoo which clears their dandruff. But that is perhaps what "love" is like: strange, how impotent cheap sentiments can be.

Peter Ackroyd

Galleries

Moral pottery



Velocipede for stout travellers (German, late nineteenth century) from *Fairings*

Michael Cardew/Gordon Baldwin

Crafts Council

Lustreware

Crafts Centre

Fairings/Nineteenth-Century Pressed Glass

Victoria and Albert Museum

Oriental influences crop up in the ceramic shows which occupy our two major craft galleries at the moment. At the Crafts Council gallery in Lower Regent Street until August 28 are two sharply contrasted shows, one a tribute to Michael Cardew, who died earlier this year, and the other a retrospective devoted to Gordon Baldwin. Cardew wielded great influence through his highly moral, even moralistic, view of the potter's place in society: most of his own pots were not only usable, but made for use, and his influences came largely from African and oriental societies where the artist's pot was not a thing apart. Baldwin, on the other hand, is a sculptor who happens to use ceramic materials as his regular medium: from the early figures like *Watcher* of c.1960 right up to the recent tributes to Arp, "developed bowls", "windswept bottles" and the like, one would be hard put to it to find any use beyond the proper artistic one of subject for contemplation. Fortunately there is plenty to contemplate.

The Lustreware at the Crafts Centre in Earlham Street until September 10 is placed about halfway between these two extremes: many of the pieces are there mainly to be admired for the irridescent glazes, but at the same time a potter like Alan Caiger-Smith does not despise the humbler domestic objects, ready for use as well as admiration, and Tobias Harrison, the most orientalizing of the six potters shown, applies his formidable techniques to (admittedly very luxurius) tableware.

If you find all this evidence of the present grandeur of ceramic art in this country a bit overwhelming, you can always end by taking refuge at the Vicoria and Albert Museum, where there are two delightfully lighthearted shows right next to each other, one of a major gift of Nineteenth-Century Pressed Glass and the other of the Florence Dagg collection of Fairings. Both forms were intended largely as gifts and decoration for what might then have unselfconsciously been called humble homes. The fairings in particular, with their little mainly comic tableaux, in which chamber pots beneath the beds figure prominently, lovers are always being surprised and happy befores always turn into grotesque afters, are charming in themselves and offer, like the seaside postcard, a vivid insight into the English character, No, perhaps it is not art, but it would be a snooty taste indeed which could remain completely unmoved.

John Russell Taylor

● Welsh National Opera are to give two performances during this year's Frankfurt Festival. On September 9 they present a concert of British music including the first performance of a specially commissioned song-cycle, *The Great Question Mark*, by the Welsh composer John Metcalf, based on texts relating to Wagner; the following evening they give a concert performance of *Tristan und Isolde* with John Mitchinson and Linda Esther Gray in the title roles and Richard Armstrong conducting.



MARKET REPORT ● by Michael Clark

Index waits for Wall St

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began, Aug 1. Dealings end, Aug 12. Contango Day, Aug 15. Settlement Day, Aug 22.

The London stock market decided to bide its time yesterday awaiting Wall Street's reaction to the warning of an explosion in US interest rates from Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board.

Leading equities barely stirred from overnight levels, with the *FT* index closing 0.7 up at 724.4, having been 1.7 higher earlier.

Small gains were seen in Associated Daries 2p to 158p, Beecham 2p to 355p, BOC Group (reporting today) 2p to 242p, Bowater 1p to 238p, Cadbury Schweppes 2p to 106p, GKN 1p to 184p and P & O Deferred 7p to 205p. Renewed American support was good for another 6p on ICI at 558p in a market short of stock.

In the event, Wall Street kept its head above water in early trade after the shake-out of the previous two sessions.

Gilts spent a lacklustre day displaying falls of up to 25p at the longer end of the market. Selling pressure was described as light. But with the prospect of higher interest rates in the US, the pound had another shaky day on the foreign exchange erasing most of this week's recovery. It closed 1.1 cents down against the dollar at $1.4820.

Only oils showed any enthusiasm with BP leading the way with a 12p rise to 428p after the report in *The Times* of yesterday of an upgrading of profits by brokers Wood Mackenzie. They are now looking for net profits this year of £846m against earlier estimates of £660.

This week Wood Mackenzie also upgraded its forecast for Shell, up 4p to 602p, from £484m to £525m.

At the other end of the oil market the Irish explorers continued to dominate proceedings. Gulf Oil's surprise announcement that its strike just off the southern Irish coast was producing a flow rate of 9,000 barrels was the signal for another flurry of activity.

Atlantic Resources with a large chunk of the field closed 5p lower on profit-taking at 445p, after being as low as 395p at one stage. Aran Energy also lost 3p to 63p along with Moray Firth, 23p lighter at 40p. But Bula Resources held steady at 23p.

Among this week's newcomers to the Unlisted Securities Market, SCUSA, the subject of a demerger from Security Centres, eased 1p to 101p compared with a placing price of 85p.

Hanson's Trust's market capitalization has passed the £1,000m with the shares trading at more than 240p. Sir James Hanson may be forgiven for wondering why his vast empire is yet to figure in the FT 30 index.

Promotions House, the in-house travel promotions group, which was brought to market by brokers Statham Duff Stoop, showed little improvement on the placing price of 25p and ended the day at 27p.

Specialist ink group, Ault & Wiborg recovered some of its poise after announcing on Tuesday that talks with Sun Chemical to bid for the remaining 49 per cent of Ault had broken down after both sides failed to agree a price. The shares rallied 2p to 40p after the 17p fall the previous day.

Taddale Investments has made an agreed take over bid for Branon, the Scottish oil services group headed by Sir Monty Finniston. The offer values Branon, which reported losses at the interim stage, at £3.1m on terms of two Taddale ordinary or 60p cash for each Branon share. Taddale also proposes a 3-for-5 rights issue at 30p per share to raise £6.4m.

Jantar has reduced its stake in Ex-Lands, the investment group, by 50,000 to 532,000 shares, or 11.94 per cent of the equity. Shares of Ex-Lands closed ½p lower at 14½p.

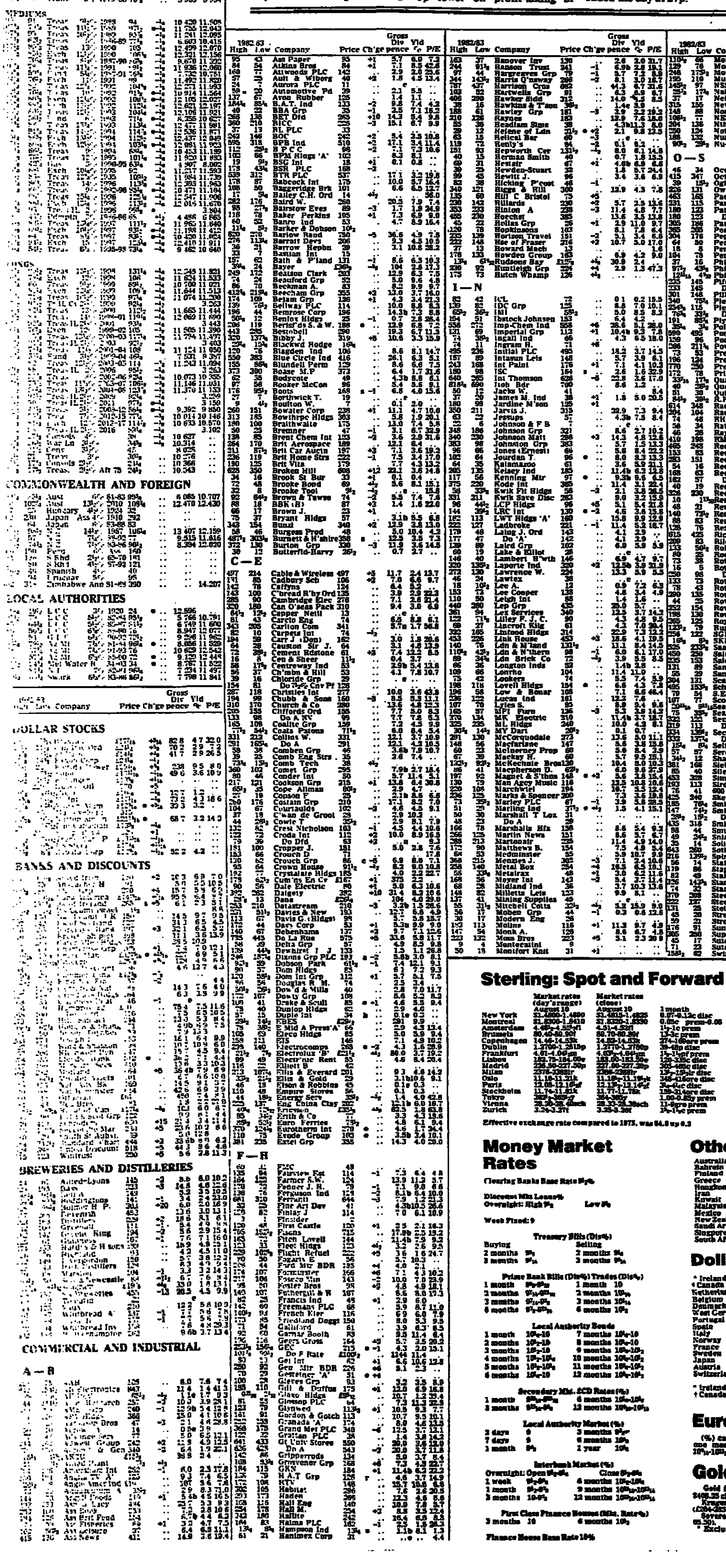
Fleet Holding's £18m right to pay off the oustanding loan to Trafalgar House has proved a success. Of the 23.14 million shares offered to existing shareholders, about 96 per cent was taken up. The rest of the shares have been placed in the market. Fleet, owner of the *Daily Express*, *Sunday Express* and *Daily Star*, closed unchanged at 122½p.

Brokers W Greenwell have just published their latest review of the financial sector. Their recommendations include *Sun Alliance*, unchanged at £11.75p. In the life market Legal & General, up 6p at 454p and Britannic, unchanged at 386p after figures, are rated as above average investments. Among the banks, Standard Chartered, up 2p at 484p, is thought worth a mention along with Gerrard & National, unchanged at 188p, in the discount market.

Shares of First National Finance Corp proved a weak market, sliding 2p to 57p compared with a year's high of 65½p. The group, which is still part of the Bank of England's lifeboat, has often been tipped as a likely bid candidate

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Sterling: Spot and Forward

	Market rates (day's range) August 10	Market rates (close) August 10	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.4800-1.4890	$1.4815-1.4825	0.07-0.12c disc	0.30-0.36c disc
Montreal	$1.8300-1.8410	$1.8320-1.8330	0.05c prem-0.05 disc	0.10c prem-par
Amsterdam	4.49½-4.52¾fl	4.51-4.52fl	1¼-1c prem	4¼-3¾c prem
Brussels	80.40-80.90f	80.70-80.80f	13-3c prem	25-15c prem
Copenhagen	14.46-14.53k	14.52-14.53k	274-160ore prem	181-57ore prem
Dublin	1.2700-1.2815p	1.2770-1.2780p	39-48p disc	111-131p disc
Frankfurt	4.01-4.04¼m	4.03¾-4.04¼m	1½-1¼pf prem	4¾-3¾pf prem
Lisbon	182.75-184.00e	183.00-183.50e	120-335c disc	440-870c disc
Madrid	226.50-227.50p	227.00-227.30p	305-465c disc	1135-1465c disc
Milan	2376-2388lr	2386-2388lr	13½-15½lr disc	43½-46½lr disc
Oslo	11.18-11.21k	11.18½-11.19½k	345-416ore disc	990-1075ore disc
Paris	12.08-12.16¼f	12.13½-12.14½f	3¾-4¼c disc	15½-17c disc
Stockholm	11.74-11.81k	11.77-11.78k	159-214ore disc	375-450ore disc
Tokyo	362½-365½y	364-365y	1.00-0.85y prem	2.90-1.70y prem
Vienna	28.20-28.40sch	28.33-28.38sch	11-8gro prem	32-27gro prem
Zurich	3.24-3.27f	3.25-3.26f	1¾-1½c prem	4½-3¾c prem

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975, was 84.8 up 0.3

Money Market Rates

Clearing Banks Base Rate 9½%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 9½ Low 9¾

Week Fixed: 9

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9¼	2 months	9⅛
3 months	9⁵⁄₁₆	3 months	9³⁄₁₆

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month	9⅞-9²⁵⁄₃₂	1 month	10
2 months	9¹⁵⁄₁₆-9²⁹⁄₃₂	2 months	10¹⁄₁₆
3 months	9⁷⁄₁₆-9⅞	3 months	10¹⁄₁₆
6 months	9⅞-9²⁵⁄₃₂	6 months	10½

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10¼-10	7 months	10¼-10
2 months	10½-10	8 months	10¼-10
3 months	10½-10	9 months	10¾-10½
4 months	10½-10¼	10 months	10¾-10½
5 months	10½-10¼	11 months	10¾-10½
6 months	10¼-10	12 months	10¾-10½

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	9²⁵⁄₃₂-9²³⁄₃₂	6 months	10⅛-10¼
3 months	9¹⁵⁄₁₆-9⅞	12 months	10⁹⁄₁₆-10⁷⁄₁₆

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9	3 months	9⅞
7 days	9	6 months	10⅛
1 month	9¾	1 year	10¾

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 9½-9¼ Close 9½-9¼

1 week	9½-9¼	6 months	10⅛-10¼
1 month	9½-9⅜	9 months	10⁹⁄₁₆-10⁷⁄₁₆
3 months	10-9¾	12 months	10¹³⁄₁₆-10¹¹⁄₁₆

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)

3 months 10 6 months 10½

Finance House Base Rate 10%

Other Markets

Australia	1.6915-1.7065
Bahrein	0.5570-0.5600
Finland	8.5345-8.5645
Greece	130.85-132.85
Hongkong	11.1025-11.1455
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.4330-0.4369
Malaysia	3.4855-3.5155
Mexico	265-230
New Zealand	2.2775-2.2975
Saudi Arabia	5.1305-5.1605
Singapore	3.1720-3.2020
South Africa	1.6570-1.6720

Dollar Spot Rates

* Ireland	1.1585-1.1595
† Canada	1.2354-1.2357
Netherlands	3.0450-3.0465
Belgium	54.45-54.50
Denmark	9.7930-9.7980
West Germany	2.7240-2.7250
Portugal	122.50-123.50
Spain	153.00-153.10
Italy	1610.50-1612.50
Norway	7.5425-7.5475
France	8.1930-8.1980
Sweden	7.9430-7.9480
Japan	245.80-245.90
Austria	19.07-19.08
Switzerland	2.1940-2.1952

* Ireland quoted in US currency.
† Canada $1: US $0.8083-0.8084

Euro-$ Deposits

(%) calls: 9-10; seven days, 9¹³⁄₁₆-9¹¹⁄₁₆; one month, 9¹⁵⁄₁₆-10¹⁄₁₆; three months, 10⁹⁄₁₆-10¹¹⁄₁₆; six months, 11-11⅛.

Gold

Gold fixed: am. $408 (an ounce); pm. $408.25 close, $409 (£275.75).
Krugerrand* (per coin): $421-422.5 (£284-285).
Sovereigns* (new): $96-97 (£64.75-65.50).
* Excludes VAT

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 725.4 up 0.7
FT Gilts: 78.99 down 0.30
FT All Share: 454.06
Bargains: 19,002
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 98.99 up 0.66
New York: Dow Jones Average: (midday) 1169.27 up 1.00
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index: 8,878.48 up 4.26
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index: 1029.74 up 9.21
Amsterdam: 147.9 up 0.8
Sydney: AO Index: 666.4 up 3.6
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index: 932.20 up 8.60
Brussels: General Index: 127.27 down 0.75
Paris: CAC Index: 130.0 up 0.02
Zurich: SKA General: 293.8 up 0.01

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling $1.4820 down 1.10 cents
Index 84.8 up 0.2
DM 4.04 down 0.0025
FrF 12.14 up 0.0650
Yen 364.50 unchanged
Dollar
Index 130.2 up 1.0
DM 2.7245
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.4795
INTERNATIONAL
ECU £0.565611
SDR £0.703491

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9½
Finance houses base rate 10
Discount market loans week fixed 9
3 month interbank 10-9⅞
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 10⅜-10¼
3 month DM 5⅞-5¾
3 month Fr F15⅝-15¼
US rates
Bank prime rate 11.00
Fed funds 9½
Treasury long bond 98¾-98½
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period 6 July to 2 August, 1983 inclusive: 9.989 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce): am $408 pm $408.25
close $409 (£275.75) down $3.25
New York latest: $408.25
Krugerrand* (per coin): $421-425.50 (£284-286)
Sovereigns* (new): $96-97 (£64.75-65.50)
*Excludes VAT

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Robert Fleming Holdings, 8 Crosby Square, EC3 (noon)
Moorgate Mercantile Holdings, Chartered Accountants' Hall, Moorgate Place, EC2 (noon)
Symonds Engineering, Room 100, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, EC2 (11.30)

TODAY

Interims:
BOC (quarterly), T. F. and J. H. Braine, Davies and Metcalfe, East Lancashire Paper, Ley's Foundries, Plessey (quarterly), Royal Dutch Petroleum, "Shell" Transport and Trading, TI Group, Ultramar, Williams Holdings.
Finals:
Star Computer.

NOTEBOOK

Commercial Union, long troubled by its American business, pushed pretax interim profits up to £30.4m, and could manage more than twice as much for the whole year. Underwriting losses in America rose steeply, but CU says that its claims provisions are now adjusted to market conditions.

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● **Cumbria County Council** has borrowed £1.7m from the European Investment Bank to go towards construction of a coal-handling and storage site on the north quay at Workington.

● **The Crown Agents** said last night that they are seeking compensation of £4m from Brunei following the Sultan's decision to end the Agent's role as manager of Brunei's £3bn investment portfolio. A joint statement from the Agents and the Brunei Government confirmed that most of the funds have now been transferred to a new Brunei Investment Agency.

● **Western Banks** have given Poland until tomorrow to respond to recent proposals to reschedule its 1983 commercial debt. A Frankfurt banking source said yesterday: "this is just to speed things up a little, there is nothing ominous about the deadline".

Takeover battle looms after 'inadequate' bid

Norcros makes £65m unwanted offer for UBM Group

By Jonathan Clare

Norcros yesterday launched an unwanted takeover bid for UBM, Britain's biggest quoted builders merchants, and a big battle for control is likely.

Norcros interests range from Dow-Mac concrete railway sleepers to Cristal bathroom tiles.

The Norcros bid values UBM at just under £65m and is equivalent to 109p per share. But the City believes the bid, made just as UBM has started to recover from heavy losses, is only a sighting shot.

UBM's share price jumped from 99p to 122p yesterday in expectation of a higher offer and a possible counter bid. Movements in the share price last week made a Stock Exchange inquiry into share dealing likely.

Mr Ken Roberts, the Norcros chairman and chief executive, said: "Our strength is our management and financial control. We can improve UBM's performance beyond what we anticipate they can manage."

He added that the offer price took into account the expected dramatic improvement in UBM's profits this year.

But UBM said that the bid was "totally inadequate" and it would fight for its independence.

UBM is run by Mr Allen Sheppard as Chairman and Mr Roger Pinnington as deputy chairman and chief executive.

More than 10 per cent of UBM's shares are held by Equity Capital for Industry and a further 9.5 per cent are in the hands of Colguy Holdings, the investment arm of Newarthill, the holding company for Sir Robert McAlpine and Greycoat Estates.

Colguy has been tripped as a possible counter bidder, as has Hanson Trust.

Hanson is still sorting out UDS for which it successfully bid this year. It expects to sell the UDS Richard Shops and John Collier chains, which would give it the financial muscle to bid for UBM. This would fit well with its Butterley building materials business.

Ironically, Equity Capital for Industry tried to halt its stake in UBM three weeks before the general election at a little below the then market price of 95p but failed to interest the institutions at a jittery time.

Mr Roberts says that UBM's two big shareholders have been contacted and the response was "encouraging". He also expects to meet the UBM board to talk about the bid.

The terms of the offer are five Norcros shares and £5.17 in cash for every 11 in UBM, with an underwritten cash alternative worth 105p per share.

Full take-up of the share offer would increase the Norcros share capital by more than one-fifth, but Mr Roberts says the acquisition would cause not dilution of earnings per share.

UBM made £2.7m last year on sales of more than £300m after losses of £2.2m the year before.

Figures for the first half of this year are expected to show a strong recovery

Norcros, which no longer has its troublesome kitchen fittings business, says it is doing even better this year than last, but is making no profits forecast.

Norcros' own construction interests have no distribution side, while UBM makes two-thirds of its sales from distribution through its merchants.

Mr Roberts says there is also a place for the existing UBM board withing Norcros and the company would retain a separate indentity.

CU losses soar in US

By Andrew Cornelius

Commercial Union	
Half-year to 30.6.83	
Pretax profit £30.4m (£14.2m)	
Premium income	£1,198m (£1,069m)
Underwriting loss £124.3m (£117m)	
Net interim 4.85p (same)	
Share price 160p down 5p	

Commercial Union Assurance, one of Britain's largest composite insurance companies, is still paying dearly for its expansion into the American market. Underwriting losses there increased from £78.6m to £98.1m in the six months to June 30, despite efforts to control costs and harden insurance premiums.

Mr Cecil Harris, chief executive, yesterday blamed the problems in the United States on the continuing tough market conditions. Strong action was taken to bolster the American claims reserves. Since new management was installed to run the American operation every outstanding claim has been re-assessed on a more conservative basis, he said.

Harris: problems continue in US

Despite the problems, Mr Harris said that he expects to see steady progress during the rest of the year.

Problems in the United States mean that total group underwriting losses rose from £117m to £124.3m, despite an improvement in the underwriting performance in every area outside the United States.

Premium income grew by 12 per cent in sterling terms to £1,198m, while investment income rose by 14 per cent to £128m.

Life profits were also up by 30 per cent on the same period last year to £22.2m.

Group pretax profits increased from £14.2m to £30.4m.

In the United States, where 1,700 jobs have been axed in the past year, efforts to harden rates have led to a 6 per cent fall in new business. Mr Harris indicated that despite efforts taken to improve the trading outlook in the United States, it was still the group's biggest problem area.

The interim dividend is maintained at 4.850p in line with the board's policy of continuing to hold the present level of dividend, even though this is not fully covered by profit attributable to shareholders.

Although conditions are still difficult in Britain there are no plans to increase motor premiums until next year.

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Brokers on course for fees record

By Our Financial Staff

Stockbroking firms look set for another record year in fees and commissions earned from companies raising fresh cash on the London Stock Exchange.

Figures just released show July was a record month for new share issues. Companies raised £474.4m on the stock market against £179.8m in the same month last year.

For arranging the underwriting for these cash issues, stockbrokers normally receive a 0.25 per cent fee on the amount for which underwriting has been arranged by their firm.

So far this year their commission from this has doubled to about £7.52m. For the whole of last year the brokers' share of the fee for underwriting arrangement came to £8.74m.

The largest was the £548m Britoil flotation. It provided the City with one of its best fee-earning opportunities since the £624m rights issue from BP

The cost of the operation to the Department of Energy was £12.5m.

Normally underwriting costs amount to about 2 per cent of an issue but are often scaled down for big issues. This was the case in the Britoil flotation, where the underwriting commissions totalled 1.55 per cent.

Of this only 0.3 per cent or £1.65m went to the six underwriting banks involved, S G Warburg, Kleinwort Benson, Rothschild, Baring Brothers, Morgan Grenfell and Schroder Wagg. They in turn had to pay the five stockbrokers who arranged the sub-underwriting by City institutions out of this sum.

The brokers involved were Rowe & Pitman, Cazenove, Greenwell, Hoare Govett and Wood Mackenzie. The fees the brokers received for their role as agents to the underwriters are not disclosed, but some are believed to have received about £100,000.

City Editor's Comment

More information gentlemen, please

It is ironic that the accountancy profession, which earns its living by making companies disclose what in many cases they would rather keep silent, reveals no financial information about its own affairs.

It is bizarre that the Stock Exchange, which depends for its existence on the accuracy of company reports and the honesty of boards of directors of quoted companies giving full and frank disclosure on all financial matters, reveals a minimum of detail about the health of its member firms.

And it is intriguing, too, that the other great bastion of the City, the legal profession, is again structured in partnerships which mean that no details are published which could give an indication of how efficient the firms a run, how profitable they are, and what income a senior partner in one of the firms might expect to earn.

Ranking

And it also damaging to all the professions concerned, and to the City as a whole.

It is conventional wisdom that the senior partners of the big eight accountancy firms, the ranking wich includes Price Waterhouse, Peat Narwick Mitchell, Cooper's & Lybrand and Deloitta Haskins & Sells, were earning annual sums of more than £100,000 five years ago.

And given the volume of work they do for the Government it would be naive to think that they have been unaware of the rate of inflation since, and have failed to adjust their salaries, or rather their firm's profits to compensate, which means that some must be taking out close ot £200,000 a year.

Much the same can be said of the Stock Exchange, although the figures in the present climate of bouyant share prices, substantial sales of gilt-edged securities and a heavy programme of privatization means that the estimates for what the top people in the top firms earn are even higher.

Blush

Although there is no confirmation of what the rewards are in the upper levels of broking, the informed guesses are of salaries which would make even the Americans blush. This is unsatisfactory because these organizations, although constituted as partnerships and therefore legally entitled to secrecy are in fact significant economic entities laying claim to a large part of the nation's economic resources so they should be accountable.

And as Mr Brian Worth, an accountant with Clark Whitehill a middle-ranking firm points out in this weeks issue of Accountancy Age, those who employ accountancy firms, or lend them money have a right to know the kind of organization with which they are dealing.

A company which pays £1m a year in audit fees has a right to know that the money is being spent efficiently and ought to be given sufficient information to judge whether a firm down the street could do a similar job for perhaps £800,000.

For if the accountancy firms are confident that their salaries or profit shares are justified, they should have no qualms about arguing their case in public.

The alternative is the unsatisfactory state of affairs we have at present – a situation in which the rumour monger is king, and the guesses for salaries are inflated to an extent where they seem unreasonable when compared with jobs like running a nationalized industry.

The City wants and needs to be understood by the world outside. But it could start by providing more information about itself.

General Accident profits up £29m

By Our Financial Staff

General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation	
Half-year to 30.6.83	
Pretax profit £35.6m (£6.5m)	
Premium income	£683.9m (£611.9m)
Underwriting loss £85.9m (£87.1m)	
Net interim dividend 8p (7.5p)	
Share price 435p up 4p	
Dividend payable 1.1.83	

General Accident, Britain's largest private motor insurance company, yesterday reported higher interim pretax profits and then promptly gave notice of an average increase of 10 per cent in British insurance rates from this month.

Pretax profits for the six months ending June 30 rose from £6.5m at the same stage last year to £35.6m this time. Underwriting losses were down from £87.1m to £65.9m with improvements in each major area including Britain and the US.

At the same time investment income continued to improve, rising from £92.2m to £100.1m. The board is recommending an increased interim dividend of 8p, against 7.5p.

The increase in British motor rates is effective for policies renewed after August 1. "We are taking a lead in the motor market," Mr. Buchanan Marshall, chief general manager said.

During the period net premium income increased from £611m to £683m, but all major lines of the business transacted in the United States were unprofitable.

The biggest single improvement came in Canada where there was a marginal profit compared with a £5.3m loss last year. Australia, South Africa and New Zealand also showed welcome improvements

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Horsman in £1.2m oil share spree

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Mr Malcolm Horsman, who abruptly left Tozer Kemsley and Millbourn in January last year with a reported £300,000 golden handshake, is moving into the oil business.

He has bought, through his latest company Ivorbeam, a 30.8 per cent share in Pennine Resources. The price paid for the four million shares involved was £1.22m or 30.5p a share. Pennine Resources last night closed up 11p at 37p.

Pennine is owned by Candeca and was floated off as its US exploration company in 1980. It has substantial gas and oil resources in Oklahoma and Wyoming and holding in gas and oil reserves in other states.

Mr Horsman, who at one time was Deputy Chairman of Bowater, will, as the Takeover Panel insists offer the same price for the whole of Pennine, valuing the company at more than £4m.

It is intended that Pennine's listing on Luxembourg Stock Exchange will continue and that dealing in London should continue. For that reason, Ivorbeam, which is wholly owned by Mr Horsman, will place any acceptances with institutional investors through Anthony Gibbs, it banker.



Horsman: move into oil

Dow wipes out early loss

WALL STREET

New York (AP-Dow Jones) – Stocks edged higher in early trading yesterday after a lower start.

The Dow Jones Industrial average showed a 1.5 gain in contrast to an initial drop of about 6.

Advances moved ahead of declines by a 675 to 610 margin. Trading was moderate.

General Electric was up 1, to 49 1/4; General Motors up 3/8, at 67 5/8; American Telephone & Telegraph up 1/2, at 66; Minnesota Mining – MFG unchanged at 76 3/8; Dupont off 1/8, at 45 7/8; International Business Machines off 1/8, at 117 7/8; Standard Oil of California up 1/4, at 36 1/4;

'Huge increases likely in commercial water charges'

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Industry, commerce and the public sector face huge increases in water charges in the next few years to pay for the replacement of the nation's aging sewage and water systems, an American survey of world water claims today.

National Utility Services, which monitors utility costs at more than 750,000 business and public sector premises worldwide, said that business water users in Britain enjoyed an average price increase in 1983 of only 4.7 per cent, one point above the annual inflation rate.

Mr Roger Nicholls, a spokesman for NUS, said: "This is the calm before the storm.

"The cost of replacing decaying sewage and water systems, which collapsed in a spectacular way all over Britain during this year's water workers' strike, is going to be enormous. There is no doubt that the costs of renewal will be levied from industrial and commercial users by inclusion in their water services charges – a far from pleasant financial prospect for the foreseeable future."

The suggestion was immediately dismissed as "nonsense" by the National Water Council in London. A spokesman said sewer renewal was a continuing programme and capital expenditure of the water authorities was controlled by the Government.

"Certainly there are no plans to levy a special charge on industry and commerce to meet renewal costs. Charges will not go up any more than they are now."

The Government has come under increasing pressure, particularly from industry, to authorize a major, long-term investment programme to replace the country's crumbling sewers. Such a plan is high on the Confederation of British Industry's list of job and demand-creating projects.

Lord Sherfield, chairman of a Lords Select Committee on the water industry, called recently for an urgent programme to replace mains and pipes and added that any delay in renewing the sewer system would put it beyond the control of the water authorities. More than half of the country's water mains were over 40 years old and the number of bursts had risen to 80,000 a year.

Ward and Goldstone MD leaves

By Wayne Lintott

The managing director of Ward and Goldstone, the Salford-based cables and electrical group, has left the company after what a spokesman called a "policy disagreement."

Mr Michael Goldstone, 38, is a member of the founding family and had held his position since 1976. Talks are underway over compensation for Mr Goldstone who earned £35,000 a year.

A big shake-up has been taking place at the company for months. This week the company announced that its loss-making cables division was to close after failure to sell it.

About 550 cables division workers were given redundancy notices. Two other directors have left the company.

Market call for home loan chiefs

By Lorna Bourke

Building societies should raise more funds from the wholesale money markets and not rely so heavily on personal savers, according to the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

A better flow of funds would shorten mortgage queues and give an impetus to the house-building industry, the RICS says.

"They should be prepared to go to the money market more than they do at the moment. We would like the to speed things up," Mr Ray Baker of the RICS, said.

The societies, however, take the view that wholesale money gives them flexibility but that they will continue to raise most of the cash from traditional sources.

Senior managers attempt buy-out of meat trader

FMC refinancing plan fails

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

An attempted management buy-out is under way at FMC Harris, Britain's biggest meat wholesaler and processor. This follows a refusal by farmers of a refinancing plan which called for them to buy a minimum of £7m worth of shares in a new company.

Applications for shares, when counting finished yesterday, amounted to just £856,200.

Primarily farmers had been asked to take up shares in a new company, the Farmers Meat Company, which would have bought out FMC's ordinary share capital and give a much-needed capital injection.

Five senior FMC managers led by Mr George Morley, managing director for the Midlands and Wales, are behind the buy-out plan. They are holding talks today with Candover Investments, their advisers to see whether backing is available.

How much would be offered per share remains to be seen. On underlying asset value FMC ordinary are worth 93p. But under the refinancing plan there would have been a 49p offer.

Failure of the refinancing leaves the National Farmer's Union Development Trust facing the possibility of selling its 73 per cent stake in FMC. That could happen if FMC continued to fail to produce the dividends which are needed for the trust to start paying off a Barclays Bank overdraft of £3.5m.

It was clear last night that the bank is not so far putting pressure on the trust or on FMC. Barclays is one of the biggest banks in agricultural lending.

But FMC is due to have talks with the Bank next Thursday and also expects to have talks with the trust now the plan, largely organized by the NFU, has failed.

As the NFU expressed disappointment over the failure of the refinancing plan the FMC said it was business as usual. FMC's new chairman, Mr Peter Humphries – a senior partner in Ernst and Whinney, the accountants said yesterday: "Our borrowings are well below the limits agreed with our bankers and Barclays, our principal bankers, have assured us that our facilities will not be affected."

FMC was in a sound position, with capital and reserves of more than £13m, with bacon and by-products division trading profitably and the meat sector running to profit after the seasonal drop in sales.

Illingworth Morris bid cleared

By Our Financial Staff

An attempt by Mr Alan Lewis, a Manchester businessman to gain control of Illingworth Morris, the Yorkshire textile group, was cleared by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission yesterday. Mr Lewis immediately launched a new £5.4m bid for the 52 per cent of the company he does not already own.

After an eight-month investigation, the six-man Commission panel found that there was no reason to conclude that a takeover by Mr Lewis would be against the public interest.

Mr Lewis said: "I hope this report once and for all clears up any doubts the City may have about me or my business interests.

The Commission considered the possible effects on Illingworth of control by a single shareholder, the history of the principle enterprises in which Mr Lewis is involved, the possibility of asset-stripping, Illingworth's future requirements for capital and the position of the trade unions.

Mr Lewis's new bid which he said yesterday he would not increase, is worth 10.25p for each non-voting shares and 14.75p for the voters.

The Illingworth directors said last December that they could not recommend an offer at this level and stressed that trading has shown a dramatic improvement since.

Mr Lewis does not expect all shareholders to accept his offer in an assurance to trade unions in the Commission's report he says he intends to retain Illingworth's stock exchange listing.

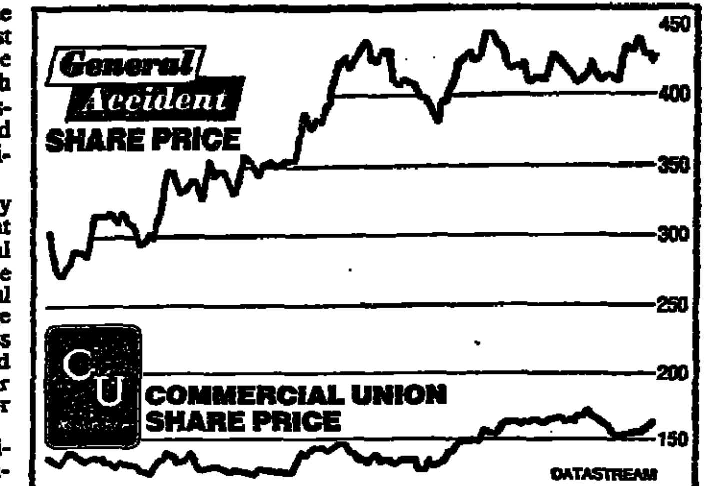
INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK ● edited by Michael Prest

Insurers stave off suicide cycle at last

Britain's leading composite insurance companies are at last taking a stand to counter the suicidal cycle of too much capacity chasing too few customers which has pushed premiums down to uneconomical levels in recent years.

Commercial Union yesterday gave notice of a 12 per cent increase in rates on personal liability and motor lines in the United States, while General Accident is looking for average increases of 10 per cent across the board in the United Kingdom where it has 10 per cent of the private motor market.

Yet despite the mildly optimistic noises from both companies about efforts to harden rates wherever they can, the American market is still a cause for concern.



The CU yesterday gave a disturbing insight into the extent of its problems there when it announced yet another increase in underwriting losses for the six months ending June 30.

Although the underwriting performance was better than at the same stage last year in every other area of the world, an increase in American underwriting losses from £78.6m to £98.1m was enough to push up group underwriting losses from £117m last year to £124.3m this time.

The increased losses emerged after an exercise to reassess outstanding claims reserves or a more conservative basis by CU's new American management team.

CU still argues that the previous reserves set aside to cover the future costs of claims were adequate and met minimum accounting requirements. The fresh conservative approach is merely deemed more appropriate to today's American underwriting climate.

With this nasty work out of the way, CU is looking for solid progress in the second half of the year. The effect of the reassessment of claims will be far less noticeable while the benefits of the higher rates will begin to show. So, too, will the effort to cut costs, which has seen 1,700 jobs disappear in the US and 700 at home.

If all this materialises the recovery within the group should continue putting CU on course for annual pretax profits of about £65m, after the interim pretax profits of £30.4m.

At General Accident the trend is the same, with further improvement likely on the interim pretax profits of £35.6m, which are substantially better than the £6.5m achieved last time.

The big worry is that there might be more horrors lurking in the US where British insurers are still paying the cost of their ambitious attempts to boost market shares in a market which has hit bottom.

Dalgety

Dalgety's antipodean dealing to finance the acquisition of Ranks Hovis McDougall's agricultural division shows it has got the message that the City does not have an insatiable appetite for its shares.

Its philosophy remains acquisitive, but no big deals are likely until it has digested the agricultural business over the next 18 months or so.

It also has to wait for the cash from New Zealand and Australia. The £15m from New Zealand should be in the bank by the end of the year, and the complicated Australian deal could take another year to complete.

But by largely abandoning the southern hemisphere to concentrate resources in Britain, Dalgety will improve the quality of earnings. Earnings per share should also increase.

Once the RHM business is under its belt, 65 per cent of profits will come from Britain against 55 per cent now. This will have benefits for the tax position and by implication the dividend policy.

Dalgety's profits this year – which ended in June with figures due next month – will probably be static at £46m.

Next year, however, will see a big boost from the Canadian lumber businesses which will gain from the American housing boom. This could mean profits of £58m with a contribution from the RHM agricultural division.

WCRS

Wight Collins Rutherford Scott
Year to 30.4.83.
Pretax profit £516,000 (£162,000).
Stated earnings 9.5p (6.2p).
Turnover £18.77m (£12.09m).
Net total dividend 2.75p (–p).
Share price 265. Yield 1.5.

Profits from Wight Collins Rutherford Scott, the advertising agency, are 10 per cent higher than the forecast in its USM debut prospectus in January and are well in line with the market's hopes for this small but expanding sector.

Pretax profits for the year to end April rise to £636,000 after adding back the exceptional costs of moving premises. This figure is more than two and a half times the comparable figure for 1981-82. The shares jumped 12p to 265p, yielding a mere 1.5 per cent.

The same lofty standards are applied to industry leader, Saatchi and Saatchi, and the other USM newcomer, Boase Massimi Pollitt. On the main market Geers Gross yields a slightly higher 3.5 per cent.

Such high ratings reflect how good the recession has been to the advertisers and their hopes for better things now the economy is picking up.

From being regarded as not quite serious and the first item to be cut in hard times, advertising has now proved to be resistant to the recession. Agencies which used to trade on price-earnings ratios of about three-quarters the market average are now seen as premium shares.

The industry credits Saatchi and Saatchi, with educating the City about its business. Saatchi's profits have grown regularly over the last 12 years

Saatchi's profits reached £5.5m last year and brokers are forecasting £10.5 million for this year.

Wight Collins has equally bullish views about its own prospects. With turnover up 55 per cent last year and blue chip clients joining the ranks, which include Birmid Qualcast and Bass, the company says it expects to be among the 15 largest agencies in the industry within five years.

Irish oil

Mr John Bruton, Ireland's industry and energy minister, felt obliged to try to knock some sense into the over-excited Dublin stock market yesterday by pointing out that the Irish offshore oil strike was as yet ill-defined, was in any case likely to be modest, and was certainly not the end of the Republic's serious economic problems. He was right.

The facts are that every well so far drilled in the area has encountered oil and gas, but the area's geological structure would seem to rule out the formation of large oil-trapping underground reservoirs. The rock, sand and clay formations under the Celtic basin are simply not comparable to those under the North sea.

For that reason most oil companies have ruled out ever finding a commercially exploitable field.

Atlantic Resources, which has a 33 per cent stake in the reported Gulf discovery, has seen its shares shoot up from 30p to 610p and down to 445p. But the reported discovery cannot possibly justify the action in this or any other stock.

In view of that, investors should await properly evaluated reports from the leading oil companies who head Celtic Sea consortiums – BP, Elf, Gulf and Total – before buying into the smaller companies involved

Securicor to unveil phone plan

By Jeremy Warner

Securicor Group
Half-year to 25.3.83.
Pretax profit £5.19m (£4.82m).
Stated earnings 3.7p (3.3p).
Turnover £131m (£117m).
Net interim dividend 0.44p (0.4p).
"A" share price 294p down 13p.
Yield 0.6p.

Security Services
Half-year to 25.3.83.
Pretax profit £4.24m (£3.87m).
Stated earnings 4.5p (4.5p).
Turnover £113m (£101m).
Net interim dividend 0.9p (0.82p).
"A" share price 319p down 10p.
Yield 1.1p.

Securicor Group will shortly announce details of its joint venture with British Telecom to provide a national mobile telephone network based on cellular radio. Mr Peter Smith, Chairman, has said that the project will involve Securicor and Security Services its separately-quoted offshoot, in an investment of about £5m.

Securicor became involved in the project after operating for many years the largest private radio network in Britain for its cash and valuables delivery service.

Although the group has said that it may seek outside capital to fund the venture, there is no intention at present of reforming the existing complicated structure of voting and non-voting capital in Securicor Group as a whole.

This structure has ensured that control of both Securicor and Security has remained with the founding Delaney family.

Securicor yesterday announced pretax profits for the half year to the end of last March up from £4.6m to £5.2m. These included profits of £4.3m from Security Services of which the group owns more than half.

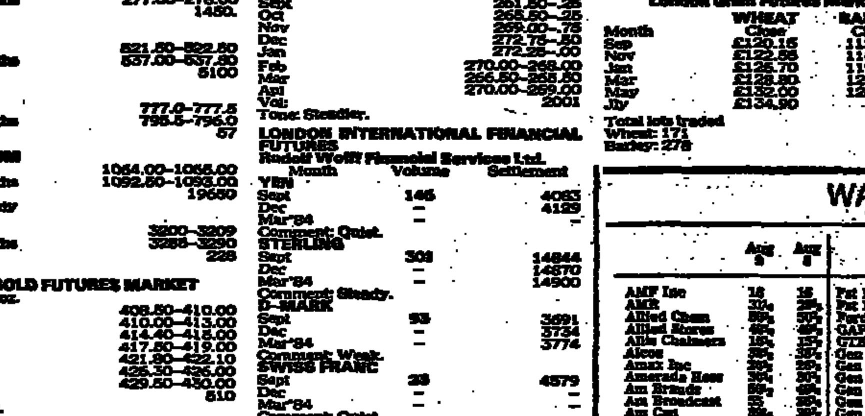
There was some underlying improvement in the parcels service, where the group has been investing heavily in sorting depots and computerization, over the last two to three years.

The Granley alarms business, bought last year from RCA Security Systems for £4m, has been returned to profit. But the heavy post acquisition costs of development, reorganization and expansion at Air Courier has had a "significant" adverse effect on results.

Air Courier was bought for more than £500,000 a year ago.

Last year's other acquisition, the London Pony Express motor cycle messenger business, is said to be making progress.

COMMODITIES



LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Unofficial prices. Official turnover figures. Prices in pounds per metric ton. Silver in pence per troy ounce. Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report	
COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	1086–1087.00
Three months	1113–1113.50
T/O:	9,800
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SUGAR	
Oct	184.00 Bid
Dec	191.25–91.00
Mch	203.00 Bid
May	208
Vol:	7688.
Tone: Irregular.	
COCOA	
Sep	1635–34
Dec	1665–62
Mar	1651–50
[illegible]	[illegible]

June'84	10127
Sept'84	10117
Comment: Weaker.	
MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on Aug 10:	
GB: Cattle, 94.81p per kg lw (–1.14).	
GB: Sheep, 129.64p per kg est d c w (–7.23).	
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LONDON COMMODITY PRICES Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US per metric ton.	
RUBBER	
Sept	807–93
Oct	810–93
Oct/Dec	793–92
Jan/Mch	817–15
Apl/Jne	836–33
Jly/Sep	854–52
Oct/Dec	874–72
Jan/Mch	893–91
Aug/Jan	913–09
Vol:	25
Tone: Very Quiet.	

EURODOLLARS		
Sept	1297	8929
Dec	510	8881
Mar'84	221	8855
June'84	1	8837
Sept'84	–	8835
Comment: Dull.		
SHORT STERLING		
Sept	576	8987
Dec	327	8946
Mar'84	32	8916
June'84	–	8905
Sept'84	–	8903
Comment: Quiet.		
GILTS		
Sept	2113	10024
Dec	–	10215
Mar'84	–	10205

WALL STREET



	Aug 9	Aug 8
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*Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Foreign Colonial Investment Trust
Half-year to 30.6.83
Profit attributable £2.9m (£3m)
Stated earnings 1.08p (1.12p)
Turnover £8.6m (£6.8m)
Net interim dividend 0.75p (same)
Share price 96½p up ½p Yield 3.3%

CSC Investment Trust
Half-year to 30.6.83
Net profit £42,000 (£31,000)
Turnover £117,000 (£125,000)
Net interim dividend 3.5p

English Association Group
Year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £1.9m (£1.94m)
Net final dividend 2p making 3p (2.73p)
Share price 173p down 5p Yield 2.5%

Rights and Issues Investment Trust
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £76,000 (£93,000)
Turnover £97,000 (£114,000)

Fleming Mercantile
Year to 31.7.83
Net profit £2.5m (£2.1m)
Stated earnings 1.69p (1.41p)
Net interim dividend 0.72p (same)
Share price 91p unchanged Yield 4.3%

Jackson (Williams) and Son
Year to 23.4.83
Pretax profit £1.36m (£1.06m)
Stated earnings 34.9p (48.4p)
Turnover £144m (£143m)

Ewart New Northern
Year to 30.4.83
Group profit £34,802 (£27,633)
Stated earnings 4.43p (4.26p)
Net final dividend 3p making 4p (same)

Manor National
Year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £37,000 (loss £68,000)
Stated earnings 0.03p
Turnover £29.3m (£29.8m)
Net final dividend None
Share price 14p up 1.5p

Cornell Holdings
Half-year to 31.12.82.
Pretax loss £263,000 (35,000).
Loss per share 5.85p (0.63p).
Turnover £1.88m (£1.6m).
Share price 208p up 5p.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9½	%
Barclays	9½	%
BCCI	9½	%
Citibank Savings	†10¾	%
Consolidated Crds	9½	%
C. Hoare & Co	*9½	%
Lloyds Bank	9½	%
Midland Bank	9½	%
Nat Westminster	9½	%
TSB	9½	%
Williams & Glyn's	9½	%

† Mortgage Base Rate.
* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 7%; £50,000 and over, 8%.

APPOINTMENTS

NatWest's petroleum head named

National Westminster Bank: Mr William McElhannon has been named as petroleum engineer and assistant vice-president of the group petroleum engineering unit, based in Houston, Texas.

Gor-Ray: Mr John Stillitz has been made joint managing director with Mr S. Diamond. Mr A. L. Stillitz has resigned as joint managing director, but remains chairman.

Northern Trust: Mr James McMenamin of the London branch has been promoted to vice-president, with responsibility for Continental Europe.

Matheson & Co: Mr J. M. Spence has joined the board following his secondement from Jardine, Matheson in Hongkong.

John Govett: Mr Charles Fowler has been appointed a director. He is a fund manager responsible for Far Eastern investments. Mr Tim Blair has been made secretary of the company and of Lake View Investment Trust, a trust with the John Govett Management Group.

Gartmore Investment Management: Mr Campbell Allan has become chairman and Mr Adrian Collins managing director. Mr Eric Crawford and Mr Sam Stevenson have resigned as directors.

Rediffusion Computers: Mr Keith Bankes has been named systems engineering director, responsible for customer and systems engineering operations.

Quorum Computers: Mr John Jackson has become chairman of this newly-formed company.

International Accounting Standards Committee: Mr Geoffrey Mitchell has been appointed secretary-general from January 1.

National Employers Life: Lord Plummer had been made chairman.

Crouch Group: Mr David Shaw has joined the board.

Hongkong Trade Development Council: Mr David de Vorman has been appointed senior United Kingdom representative.

Bridport-Gundry: Mr A. F. W. Budden, managing director of Bridport Aviation Products, has been named a director.

Saab-Fairchild Finance Corporation: Mr Neil Ciarfalia has become president.

Racal-Decca Marine Navigation: Mr David Baker has been promoted to managing director and has joined the board of Racal Marine.

Marketing and advertising: Torin Douglas

Procter's big soap suds gamble

Whenever two or three marketing men are gathered together these days, the conversation will turn to the revolution taking place in Newcastle upon Tyne, British headquarters of the American soaps and toiletries company Procter & Gamble, home of such brands as Ariel, Bold and Daz washing powders, Fairy washing-up liquid, Crest toothpaste and Pampers disposable nappies.

Newcastle was once the undisputed centre of marketing expertise in this country. The parent company in Cincinnati invented the brand management marketing structure and was regarded widely as the world's university of marketing. But Procter lost its way in Britain in the 1970s, particularly in the soap and detergent markets where Lever Brothers, forged ahead spectacularly.

The caution for which the company was renowned, testing products and advertising campaigns almost to destruction over several years before launching them nationally, caught up with it in the 1970s when it launched any products. Those it did launch, mostly turned out to be the wrong ones.

Now that longstanding policy has been turned on its head. Cincinnati is encouraging its managers to take more risks and to exploit market opportunities more quickly. Nowhere is this change of attitude more apparent than in Britain, where a stream of new products, in a variety of fields, has appeared from Newcastle in the last 18 months.

Ariel Automatic washing powder, Pampers, Bounce fabric conditioner, Bold 3, and reformulations of products such as Crest, Zest soap and Lenor fabric conditioner have all been launched with a minimum of market testing and a maximum of advertising.

The scale of this activity became clear with the publication of the annual list, by media Expenditure Analysis Limited, of the top advertisers reported here last month which showed that Procter, which regularly heads the table, had increased its advertising expenditure last year by almost 85 per cent, from £24.9m to £45.8m.

A total of £7.3m was spent on Ariel Automatic alone and the budget for Pampers was not far behind. While these figures, based on ratecard prices, can be misleading in straight money terms since they do not take account of discounts, they are an accurate reflection of year-on-year increases and there is no doubt that Procter is on the biggest spending spree in the history of advertising.

What effect this will have had on the group's profit figures will not be known for several months. But the chances are it will push the group into the red, since in such competitive markets the advertising cost cannot be passed on immediately to the customer in the form if higher prices without ruining the sales drive.

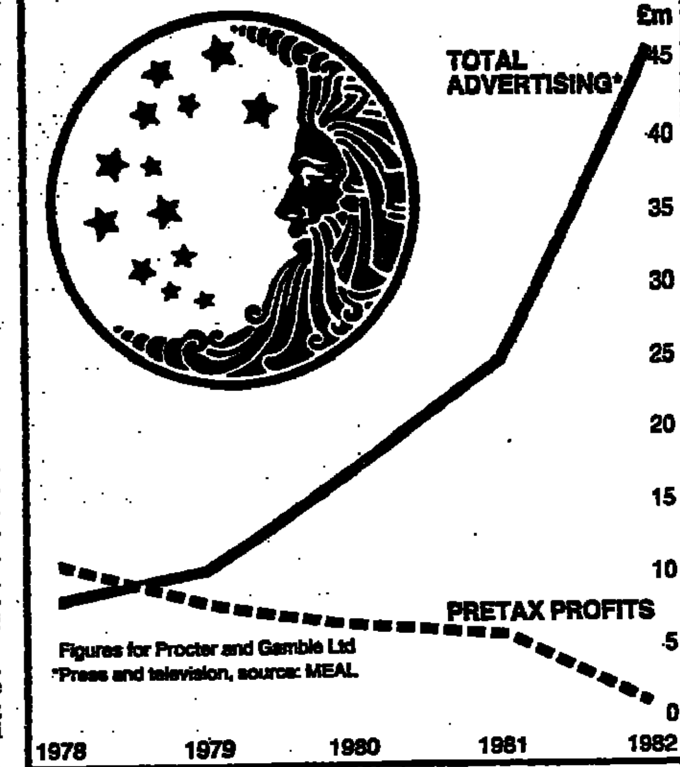
Procter's profits have been declining steadily since 1978 when, in the year to June, the company made £10.6m.

Last year, the figure was down to £800,000 and in its annual report – one of the few places in which the notoriously secretive company makes any comment at all – Procter referred to "the heavy investment we continued to make in new brands and brand development, which severely reduced this year's profit".

Lever Brothers, in contrast, had no need of such huge increases in its advertising expenditure last year. It stayed pegged at just over £12m.

Admittedly it does not operate in all the markets that Procter does – toiletries, for example, are the province of its fellow Unilever company Elida Gibbs – but the main reason is that it was steadily developing successful products throughout the 1970s and absorbing the launch costs over that period.

So it now has a number of established brands that do not need such high levels of advertising. It is estimated that Lever Brothers made £14m profit last year.



Figures for Procter and Gamble Ltd
*Press and television, source: MEAL.

Procter managers are being encouraged to take more risks

In the US, for example, there have been few launches in the past 10 years and those were disasters, most notably that of the Rely tampon which became linked with the toxic shock syndrome and resulted in a flood of court cases. It was written off at a cost of $75m (£50.8m).

In the last three years, the company has turned to acquisition as the solution to its new products problem, buying up the Crush soft drink business (outside Canada), a Coca-Cola bottler and a pharmaceuticals business.

The contrast in Britain between the performance of Procter and its soap powder rival Lever Brothers since 1970 has been particularly striking. In that year, Procter was rated the top manufacturer by grocery buyers who were asked to rate 45 companies in terms of their new product performance.

The next year it was still top in the survey, conducted by KAE, the business development consultancy. By 1980 it had slipped to seventh place and it was still there last year. Lever Brothers was now number one.

The most often discussed example of Lever Brothers' outmarketing Procter in the 1970s is the case of Persil Automatic, the low suds powder designed for front-loading automatic washing machines, which Lever Brothers had correctly foreseen would take an increasing share of the market.

Persil Automatic was launched in 1968 at about the same time that Procter came up with its last real winner, the first enzyme washing powder, Ariel. This was a technological breakthrough and Ariel soon took brand leadership from Persil, but unfortunately for Procter it neglected the growing low suds sector: it did not launch its first low suds powder until 1973 and then it chose the wrong marketing route.

"Many people, both inside and outside the company, believe that if Ariel Automatic had been launched, and not Bold, Procter would be in a much stronger position in the market", says a recent analysis of the company's performance in the KAE business development newsletter.

"Lever correctly chose to launch a sister brand to Persil (and not to call it Skip, the alternative name) while Procter

Lever, in contrast, does not need huge increases in expenditure

came into the market with Bold, a new brand. This is a good example of Procter adhering to a proven principle – namely that there is a very high risk that companion brands cannibalize their parents – but yet losing out to a more aggressive, entrepreneurial competitor." Figures from Lever Brothers' annual review of the British soaps and detergents market, based on AGB/TCA sales data, show how costly that decision was. The low suds sector of the washing powder business has grown rapidly – 42 per cent of homes now have a front-loading automatic washing machine – and last year accounted for £179m of the £298m spent on washing powder.

Lever Brothers has dominated that sector from the beginning and last year had 53 per cent of the market.

Nevertheless, the figures also show that Procter's huge investment in new products and advertising is beginning to carve into Lever Brothers' share of the business. Procter finally launched Ariel Automatic in 1981, without a test market (one of the first signs that things were changing in Cincinnati and Newcastle) and by the end of last year it had a 17 per cent share of the low suds sector.

There is a great danger, however, recognized by all the leading marketing companies, in striving relentlessly for market share without remembering the need to make a profit. It is possible to buy a large share of almost any market by spending huge sums on advertising and cutting the price of the product but if there is no likelihood of an eventual return on that investment the exercise is akin to a suicide attempt. It is far better, in those circumstances, to maintain a lower, but profitable, share of the market.

The problem in the soap powder business, as in that of other products that are bought week in week out by virtually every household in the land, is that a high volume of sales and production is required to keep costs and prices down.

Procter and Lever Brothers dominate the soap powder business – together they have 89 per cent – and if one starts to lose too much volume to the other it finds itself on a downward spiral, with costs proportionately rising as sales fall. Hence the battle for volume is seen as an essential part of keeping prices down

The question that is now being asked is how long Procter can maintain this huge level of investment in new products before it needs to see a return on its expenditure.

There is no shortage of markets in Britain and the rest of Europe for Procter to turn its attention to – paper, coffee, soft drinks, oils and fats, and pharmaceuticals are all areas Procter is developing in the US – but whether it has the money to plough into them remains to be seen.

Economic notebook

Why productivity has increased

An unusual feature of the recession has been a marked growth in productivity. Usually during a recession, output falls by more than employment and so productivity declines. This time the opposite has happened; employment has been more affected by the recession than output so that productivity has risen.

Indeed, the Government has made much political milage out of this. Is it the smack of firm Government that is doing the trick? Or have British workers and managers at last decided to change their mediocre ways and behave more like the Germans and the Japanese?

There is much excitement among the doctors who specialize in the British Disease that the patient may be on the mend after a century of economic dyspepsia.

There is, however, a simpler and more probable theory that explains the productivity growth. Indeed Mrs Thatcher and Mr Tebbit have been hinting at it all along. But this theory is more a cause of self-flagellation than self-congratulation.

Government ministers have repeatedly argued – and rightly so – that workers have to a large extent priced themselves out of jobs. By insisting on real wages that are too high, profitability is adversely affected so that employers reduce their demand for labour.

The fundamental reason why labour demand falls is contained in the so-called "law of diminishing returns". According to this, the marginal product of labour (i.e., the productivity of the last worker employed) falls as the number of workers is increased – the returns to labour diminish.

In theory, profit-maximizing firms tend to equate the marginal product of labour with its marginal cost. Since the marginal cost of labour is the real wage (plus employer's National Insurance contributions), employers will carry on recruiting people until their marginal product has fallen into line with their marginal cost.

If, however, workers have raised the marginal cost of labour, by insisting on real wages that are too high, this process is put into reverse. Employers will reduce their workforce because the "law of diminishing returns" suggests that by doing so the marginal product of labour will be raised into line with its higher marginal cost. As this process unfolds we are likely to observe two things.

First, as the number of workers is reduced, unemployment rises. Secondly, as the output of the marginal worker rises, the average product of the smaller workforce rises and productivity rises. In this way we observe the coincidence of recession and productivity growth. Both developments reflect the same common cause – excessive real wages.

This argument can be put another way. Higher real wages cause lower labour demand and higher unemployment. But why does the lower level of employment raise productivity?

Since productivity is defined as output per worker, an increase in productivity implies in this case that output has fallen by less than employment. Why should this happen? Output is produced with labour, capital equipment, energy and so on. Labour is just one, but extremely important, input in the production process.

If all inputs were to fall by, say, 1 per cent, output would fall by 1 per cent. However, if only labour falls by 1 per cent, output falls by less than 1 per cent because the other inputs are unchanged. But if this happens the fall in employment results in an increase in productivity.

So productivity growth simply reflects employers' attempts to economize on labour because workers are overcharging. There has been no miracle. Had there been one, unemployment would not have risen in the first place. If and when workers price themselves back into jobs, this whole process will be reversed and the economic recovery will be associated with unusually low productivity growth just as this supply-induced recession has been associated with high productivity growth.

Michael Beenstock

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Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

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Commercial users face oil price rise

By Our Energy Correspondent

Industrial users are likely to be faced with an overall oil and petrol price increase by the end of this month as the other oil companies follow Esso, which has announced rises of between 4.6 per cent and 6.8 per cent.

The Esso price rise affects only industrial customers, who will pay 186.15p a gallon for four star petrol. Industrial users normally receive a 3p a gallon discount to retail prices.

Other oil companies are also preparing industrial price rises, but Esso with 20 per cent of the market has been more affected than some by the strength of the dollar compared to the pound. Retail prices, which last rose last month are unaffected.

Boost for talks on wiping out over-capacity

Diesel sector hopes rekindled

By Andrew Cornelius

Talks between diesel engine manufacturers, aimed at wiping out excess capacity in the hard-pressed industry, have gained new impetus two years after a £100m survival plan was mooted.

Speculation about the future shape of the industry has increased since GEC confirmed that it is discussing a possible takeover of the Rolls-Royce diesel business from its owners, Vickers.

Both sides denied that a deal is about to be struck. However, the leading manufacturers in the industry indicated that talks on the possible restructuring are still continuing and have done so since the £100m plan was submitted to the Government.

Companies involved in the talks include GEC, which owns important industrial and marine diesels businesses; Vickers which acquired Rolls-Royce diesels with the takeover of the car company; Perkins Engines, in Peterborough, and Hawker Siddeley, which owns the Gardner and Lister diesel companies.

Only Cummins Engines, the American-owned manufacturer, which has three engine plants in Britain, denies taking any interest in the future of the Rolls' business. Cummins says: "In view of the chronic over capacity in the diesel engine business, especially in the United Kingdom, it is highly unlikely that we would take an interest in Rolls as it stands".

Under the terms of the survival plan the British industry was to be rationalized round BL, Perkins and Rolls-Royce, with each company concentrating on a specialist area.

But the plan ran into trouble after criticism from Cummins and Hawker Siddeley which were to be left out in the cold.

Since, Cummins has embarked on a £500m worldwide reinvestment progaramme to improve its engine businesses, including a £30m modernization of its Shotts plant in Lanarkshire.

Cummins has also struck a deal with Leyland Vehicles, the BL truck-making company at Bathgate, Lothian, to develop a range of truck engines which will come to the market in 1986.

There has also been severe action to cut jobs in the industry which has been shaken by the collapse in demand for engines from the truck, bus, construction, agricultural, marine and enegineering industries.

Truck production alone has halved since 1979 when problems began to emerge for engine manufacturers.

At Cummins the workforce has been cut by 2,000 to 4,000 employees over the past three years.

Perkins, Gardners and Rolls-Royce have also announced heavy redunancies and short-time working to combat the problems.

In some sectors of the industry the problems are so acute that overcapacity is still touching 50 per cent.

Korea ready five years ahead of time

How Seoul jumped the gun in race to 1988 Olympics

More than five years before they are to host the Olympic Games the South Koreans have almost finished building the main stadium. With its curved outer walls, a design taken from traditional *paekja* pottery, it looks from the outside like a gigantic oil tanker. Inside, 100,000 people will be able to watch the opening and closing ceremonies and the track and field events of the 1988 Games.

The stadium is the centrepiece of a sports complex on the Han River in south-east Seoul. A large gymnasium seating 20,000, where the volleyball matches will be played, an indoor swimming pool (12,000), and a smaller gymnasium (12,000), where the boxing will take place, are already in use. By the time the Los Angeles Olympics open in July next year the complex will be complete, at a cost of about £90m.

The advanced state of preparation is due to the fact that building began before South Korea was chosen for the next Olympics but one in September 1981. In 1977 the municipality of Seoul began work on a sports complex for the city and it was subsequently decided that it would be the venue of many of the Olympic events.

Two miles to the north-east the ground has just been broken for a national sports complex which will contain a velodrome, three indoor gymnasia for fencing, table tennis and gymnastics, officers for the Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee (SLOOC) and the athletes and press villages, the first with accommodation in flats for 15,000, the second for 7,500.

Other construction projects outside these two complexes include a rowing course on the Han River, an equestrian arena in southern Seoul and a yachting marina

SLOOC intends that all these facilities should be completed by early 1986, well in time for the Asian Games, which are due to begin in Seoul on October 3 that year, and more than two and a half years before the opening of the Olympics in the autumn of 1988.

The direct cost of staging the Olympics is put at about £650m. The Seoul complex is being financed by the municipality and funds for the other projects will come from both private and public sources. SLOOC want to attract private investment where possible and have already handed over construction of the Pusan marina to Daewoo, one of South Korea's larges companies.

The committee hope to recover these costs through the sale of tickets, television rights, commemorative gold coins and licences to use the Olympic emblem (a Korean tiger) and through a national lottery, which has been running since April. In addition, the flats in the two Olympic villages will be put on the market after the games.

Far more important to the South Koreans than balancing the books, however, is the prestige of being chosen to host the Games. The municipality of Seoul set the ball rolling in 1979 but, in the political unrest which followed the assassination of President Park Chung-hee in October that year, the issue faded into the background. Once the new strongman, Chun Doo-hwan, had consolidated his power, a last minute application was made and a vigorous lobbying campaign set in motion. On September 30, 1981 in Baden-Baden Seoul beat Nagoya by 52 votes to 27.

The South Koreans hoped that the Seoul Games will focus attention on the achievements of their country in the same way that the Tokyo Games of 1964 marked the emergence of Japan as a world economic power. In particular, they would like China and the Soviet Union, the principal backers of their bitter rival, North Korea, to take part and thus pave the wa for eventual recognition of South Korea by the communist world.

North Korea's participation is highly improbable and there are fears to the south of the 38th parallel that Pyongyang may be tempted to disrupt the Games by some form of military incursion; Seoul is only 25 miles from the demilitarized zone which cuts the Korean peninsula in two.

On the sporting front, the South Koreans are choosing 4,000 boys and girls for special training in preparation for the Olympics. In the Asian Games in Delhi last year the country came third in the medals table, after China and Japan.

Simon Scott Plummer

General Accident

INTERIM RESULTS

The results for the six months ended 30th June 1983, estimated and subject to audit, are compared below with those for the similar period in 1982, which are restated at 31st December 1982 rates of exchange; also shown are the actual results for the full year 1982.

It must be emphasised that the results for the interim period do not necessarily provide a reliable indication of those for the full year.

	6 Months to 30.6.83 Estimate £ millions	6 Months to 30.6.82 Estimate £ millions	Year 1982 Actual £ millions
Net written premiums			
General Business	683.9	611.9	1,233.0
Investment Income	100.1	92.2	195.5
Underwriting Result–			
General Business	(65.9)	(87.1)	(153.8)
Long Term Insurance Profits	2.2	2.2	4.5
	36.4	7.3	46.2
Loan Interest	0.8	0.8	1.7
Profit before Tax and Minority Interests	35.6	6.5	44.5
Taxation	2.5	(6.5)	(9.1)
Minority Interests and Preference Dividend	0.9	0.5	1.3
Net Profit attributable to Shareholders	32.2	12.5	52.3
Earnings per Ordinary Share	19.1p	7.6p	31.3p
Principal exchange rates used in converting overseas results–			
U.S.A.	$1.53	$1.62	$1.62
Canada	$1.88	$1.99	$1.99

Net written premiums and investment income increased in sterling terms by 11.8% and 8.7% respectively. Adjusted to exclude the effects of currency fluctuations, the increases were 9.6% and 7.0% respectively.

In the second quarter there were underwriting losses of £10.4m (1982 £13.0m loss) in the United Kingdom and £11.8m (1982 £11.7m loss) in the United States. In the aggregate, other territories produced underwriting losses reduced by one-third as compared with last year and the overall second quarter loss was £26.7m (1982 £31.0m loss). The pre-tax profit for the quarter amounted to £27.5m (1982 £17.8m profit).

For the six months net premiums written in the United Kingdom amounted to £255.9m (1982 £238.1m), with an underwriting loss of £29.7m (1982 £40.7m loss). Despite the customary seasonal improvement, second quarter losses increased as compared with last year to £3.3m in the Motor account and £2.4m in the Homeowners' account, making losses for the half year of £11.4m (1982 £6.4m loss) and £6.1m (1982 £11.3m loss) respectively. the industrial Fire and Traders' accounts, with a better claims experience, had a loss of £1.6m in the quarter and £7.0m for the period but there was a further sharp deterioration in the Liabilities account.

For the six months, net premiums written in the United States totalled $388m (1982 $357m), with an operating ratio of 108.82 as compared with 110.62 for the same period in 1982. The first quarter improvement on 1982 has been maintained, particularly in the personal property line, but all major lines remain unprofitable. On the United Kingdom basis, the underwriting loss was £24.9m (1982 £24.4m loss).

Elsewhere for the six months, there were aggregate underwriting losses of £11.3m (1982 £22.0m loss). The substantial part of this improvement is in Canada where there remains a marginal profit as compared with a loss of £5.3m a year ago. Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and some smaller territories are showing welcome improvements on 1982 experience but there was a disappointing loss of £6.3m in the E.E.C. This was incurred mainly in Ireland, Belgium and Netherlands and was de.pite a comparatively good result from France

Life Department

	6 Months to 30.6.83 £ million	6 Months to 30.6.82 £ million	Year 1982 £ million
New Benefits			
Sums Assured	2,045.8	1,746.7	3,929.3
Annuities per annum	35.6	30.1	61.5
New Life and Annuity Premiums			
Annual	16.8	10.3	22.4
Single	13.1	16.1	24.2

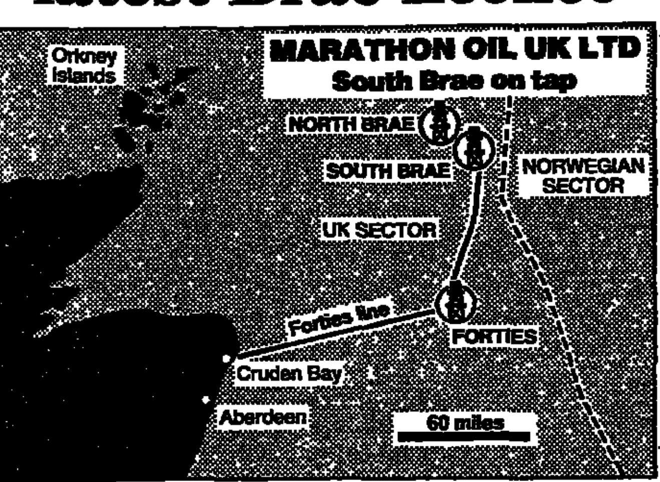
Dividend

The Directors have declared an interim dividend for the year ending 31st December 1983 of 8.0p per share (1982 7.5p) payable on or after 1st January 1984 to ordinary shareholders on the register of members on 1st December 1983.

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Go-ahead soon for latest Brae licence



By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Government is expected to give the go ahead next month for the development of the second major stage in the North Sea Brae field which could lead to £1.75bn worth of new business for the British offshore industry.

Marathon oil, whose platform in the Brae field produces more than 30,000 barrels of oil a day, will be seeking tenders for the *production platford* which will be needed in the northern area of the field.

Mr Bill Kinney, Marathon's president, has indicated that the main contracts will be placed in Britain although tenders will be sought from European competitors.

He said: "Current forecasts lead us to expect completion of the initial jacket in the summer of 1987. Commissioning will continue throughout 1988 and we anticipate the first oil ashore at the end of the year.

"Similar to south Brae we expect some 5,000-6,000 contract staff to be working on the project at peak of construction and we anticipate matching the 74 per cent value of total orders which went to the UK for the south Brae development."

Marathon and the Department of Energy have been discussing developments of the second stage of the Brae field for some months and the development licence is likely to be issued by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, at the end of next month. At peak *production* the Brae B field will be able to produce up to 75,000 barrels of oil daily.

The Brae A field is on target for produce 100,000 barrels daily by pipeline into the BP Forties network. The first oil from the field is due to be shipped to Marathon's US refinery this month.

At 34,000 tons the Brae platform is one of the largest with 900 men working abroad. Marathon and its consortium partners, including Britoil which has 20 per cent of the field, are particularly pleased that it has been brought on stream within its target period and at a cost £1m within its £1bn budget.

Free advice to exporters on aid agency contracts

By John Lawless

British exports are to be offered a free advice service to help them secure contracts from international aid agencies, worth several billion dollars each year.

Demand for information is now so great that the London Chamber of Commerce will next month announce a panel of experts, to be chaired by Barclays Bank International's finance director, Mr Malcolm Stephens.

He said yesterday: "Aid agencies are often the only source of funds in many countries. *Competition* for contracts has become incredibly intense."

The panel will complement the work already being done by the Department of Trade and Industry's World Aid Section, whose workload is growing by 10 new visitors a week. Last year it advised 2,100 companies.

Companies needing advice on aid business will be able to call the London chamber offices. Queries will be channelled to businessmen from companies such as Balfour Beatty and International Aeradio, the British Consultants Bureau or the World Aid Section itself.

British exporters have a poor reputation for picking up aid-related work, dating to 1976, when Britair became eligible for business from the European Development Fund (EDF).

But Britain ran at a profit on its contributions to all aid agencies worldwide last year.

In one of the most important of all funds, however, the World Bank's International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Britain got only enough contracts last year to rank number five, having been third the year before.

The IBRD is run along commercial lines. Its sister organization, the International Development Association (IDA), provides soft loans from a three-year fund worth $12bn (£8bn). Britain's contribution to that was about 10 per cent – and it did best of all countries in terms of getting contracts.

Both organizations disbursed $5.5bn last year. But preliminary talks about new IDA funds have already run into problems. The World Bank says it needs $16bn. The main contributor, the US, is suggesting $9bn.

FOOTBALL

Enfield will not play Millwall

A fourth club yesterday cancelled a frienddly match with Millwall because of the risk of crowd trouble. Only hours after the Millwall chairman, Allan Thorne, had issued a statement defending the club's supporters, Enfield pulled out of a friendly which had been due to take place on August 17.

Carshalton, Maidstone and Dagenham have already cancelled pre-season matches after crowd trouble at Millwall's game at Tonbridge on Saturday.

Mr Thorne claimed yesterday that Millwall fans had not caused the disturbances at Tonbridge, blamed the media for exaggeration and "completely inaccurate" reporting of the incident and called for trouble-makers to be "publicly birched".

The cancellation of the Enfield fixture has left Millwall without any full-scale practice games. Their secretary, Graham Hover, said: It has totally disrupted our plans. All the other clubs are fixed up and nobody can fit us in.

Millwall's problems have not, however, scared off their sponsors. A lucrative contract is due to be announced within the next ten days. Mr Hover said: It is all sorted out and going ahead.

● Alan Hudson, the midfield player, aged 32, will be back at Stamford Bridge on Saturday and playing for his future. Hudson, one of Chelsea's most talented players in the early 1970s, who also played for Stoke and Arsenal, had recently returned from America. He went with Chelsea to their pre-season training camp in Wales and played in a friendly at Newport, but the London club have not yet decided whether to sign him.

● Leeds are still waiting for clearance from the Spanish FA for the former England winger, Peter Barnes, signed from Real Betis, who is needed for a West Riding Cup game against Huddersfield Town at Elland Road on Saturday.

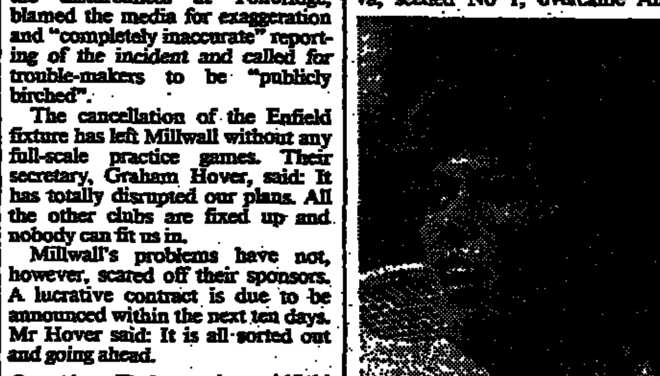
● Harold Sheperdson, aged 64, England's trainer in the 1966 World Cup, has retired after a 50-year association with Middlesbrough.

TENNIS

British women win two out of three

Manhattan Beach, California (Agencies) – Jo Durie, British No 1, and Sue Barker, won their second round matches in the Virginia Slims of Los Angeles women's tournament, worth £100,000, when they *overpowered their American opponents*, Kim Shaefer and Ann Kiyomura, in straight sets, but another British player, Annabel Croft, lost to the third seed, Pam Shriver of the United States, 6-1, 6-3. Miss Durie won 6-3, 6-3 and Miss Barker 6-4, 6-3.

The Wimbledon champion, Martina Navratilova, and the French Open winner, Chis Lloyd, had easy victories. Miss Navratilova, seeded No 1, overcame Ann Henricksson, of the United States, 6-1, 6-1 in 50 minutes, while Miss Lloyd, the No 2 seed, defeated Lele Forood, also of the United States, 6-4, 6-2.



Jo Durie

SECOND ROUND: M Navratilova (US) bt A Henricksson (US) 6-1, 6-1; J Durie (GB) bt K Shaefer (US), 6-3, 6-3; W Turnbull (Aus) bt D Hee Lee (S Kor), 6-2, 6-0; K Gompert (US) bt A Fernandez (US), 6-2, 6-3; J Russell (US) bt D Gilbert (US), 6-4, 6-2; W White (US) bt H Ludloff 7-6, 6-2; E Burgin (US) bt L Romanov (Rom), 6-4, 6-3; S Barker (GB) bt A Kiyomura (US), 6-4, 6-3; V Ruzici (Rom) bt B Hallquist (US), 6-3, 6-4; C Lloyd (US) bt L Forood (US), 6-4, 6-2; P Shriver (US) bt A Croft (GB), 6-1, 6-3.

● MONTREAL (AP): Brian Teacher, the sixteenth seed, ousted Derek Segal, 7-5, 6-1, in the first round of the Player's International tournament.

MONTREAL: Canadian Open: Men's singles first round: S Glickstein (Isr) bt B Gilbert (US), 6-4, 6-2; A Jarryd (Swe) bt Tom Gullikson (US), 6-2, 6-3; R Hannon (US) bt J McCurdy (US), 6-4, 6-4; P Fleming (US) bt V Van Patten (US), 6-4, 6-2; P McNamee (Aus) bt P Cash (Aus), 6-2, 6-2; T Mayotte (US) bt N Bauer (US), 6-3, 5-7, 6-3; B Teacher (US) bt D Segal (Can), 7-5, 6-1; A Mayer (US) bt J Picken (Can), 6-1, 6-2; C Motta (Br) bt B Dyke (Aus), 5-7, 6-4, 6-3; R Van't Hof (US) bt S Davis (US), 6-1, 6-4; C Hooper (US) bt C Kirmayr (Br), 6-4, 7-6 (7-4); F Buehning (US) bt M Edmondson (Aus), 6-0, 6-3.

● CLEVELAND, OHIO (AP): Butch Walts, an unseeded American player, recorded the biggest upset so far in the Western open tournament, worth £33,000. Using a powerful serve and coming back from the brink of defeat three times, Waltz downed the top seed, Mark Dickson, of the United States, 2-6, 7-6, 6-4.

Leading juniors dropped

Amanda Brown and Shelley Walpole, two of Britain's best young players, have lost their places in the junior international squad for disciplinary reasons.

Sue Mappin, director of women's tennis in this country, confirmed yesterday that she had removed Miss Brown and Miss Walpole from the squad for "lack of serious effort" in the recent European junior championships.

Yet both girls have had good results this year.

Miss Mappin said yesterday: "Both players are aware of the standards expected of them. There is no way I am going to have girls represent their country unless they are prepared to give 100 per cent at all times. Hopefully, both players will *learn from this unfortunate* experience and will soon persuade me to put them back onto the squad."

Both players miss the chance to represent Britain in the junior international tournament at the forthcoming United States Open championships in New York. Rina Elny, of Middlesex, has been given one of the vacant places.

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET

Challenges to leaders are fast diminishing

By Michael Berry

A play-off between Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire for the first Minor Counties championship title sponsored by United Friendly Insurance is becoming increasingly likely. At the risk of being proved wrong, I can see no other possibility. Both counties can still be caught at the head of their respective division, but contenders are fast diminishing.

Buckinghamshire, winners of the championship on eight occasions, have five wins from six games after a successful tour of Cornwall and Devon last week. The runs of Hayward and the consistent, all-round form of Milton continue to do most for their cause. Berkshire and Oxfordshire who were the 1982 champions, appear best placed to threaten the western division leaders.

With Roope, Lickley and Dindar, finding their form with the bat, Berkshire would seem to be Buckinghamshire's main worry. Having watched Oxfordshire against Shropshire recently, I must doubt the strength of any sustained challenge from their direction.

Arnold, their front-line bowler, produced a hostile spell in the first innings, but they are a county who are beginning to show their age. The recent indtroduction of younger faces in Ford and Wise was perhaps overdue.

In the eastern division, only Durham looked to have the capabilities to overhaul Hertfordshire at the top. Although it will take some doing, Durham can never be counted out too soon. They have many players of experience and a handful of potential match winners.

Norfolk's challenge crumbled on rain-affected wickets at Lakenham. Their final match brought a defeat by Suffolk, their neighbours. A century from Justin Edrich, the 22 year-old son of Bill Edrich, made the fourth Suffolk century-maker in three days. In the previous game against Staffordshire, I had watched Clements, the former Oxfrd Univesity captain, Barker, the son of the Suffolk secretary, and Caleym, all scored centuries.

Against Norfolk, Rutterford, that old war horse also contributed a seven-wicket return. Now the Suffolk captain, he is still a formidable front-line bowler at 40 years of age.

In all fairness, Hertfordshire will be valid winners of the eastern division. They are a well-balanced side who are ably led by the captain, Collyer, and are often prepared to gamble with defeat in the search of victory.

If the championship play-off looks almost settled, the same cannot be said of the English Industrial Estates one-day trophy final.

Last Sunday's quarter-final ties saw wins for Wiltshire and Cheshire, who will meet in the first semi-final at Darlington on Friday, September 9, and Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire, who will contest the second semi-final on the following day at Jesmond, The final takes place at Jesmond on Sunday, September 11.

Cheshire's victory over Durham and Bedfordshire's, truimph over Buckinghamshire, inspired by an audacious unbeaten 95 from Pearson, were the most unexpected.

The burly Cooper, excelling higher up the order made a centry in the match-winning partnership with Simpkins, who is back from Gloucestershire in a more permanent Minor Counties role, as Wiltshire beat Norfolk.

Cambridgeshire, meanwhile, scored 267 for seven, batting second to overhaul Dorset.

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ROWING

Lightweight crew chosen

By Jim Railton

The British lightweight eight, sponsored by Mobil Oil, for the world rowing championships were selected yesterday after a training camp in Copenhagen. The crew includes only two internationals, Simpole and Cusack, who between then have won four goals, a silver and two bronze medals in world championships.

The lightweight eight might have been strengthened by the inclusion of at least two of three trialists from London Rowing Club who last year finished sixth in the world championships – Counihan, Connor and Williams. All three, however, pulled out of the second day of trials a week before Copenhagen and have registered protests over this year's organization of the squad.

The three 'rebels' rowed for London at Copenhagen, finishing fifth and using the shell the British lightweight eight designate wished to use. The British eight did not compete at the Copenhagen international but stayed at a training camp, using the shell the London eight had used in the competition. At the Copenhagen international Baillieu and Spencer-Jones, the double scullers, competed on the Saturday. They won and gained selection for the world championships, although it now appears there were no selectors present.

Dan Topolski was to have coached the British lightweight eight but is ill. Hugh Mattheson, the lightweight coordinator, will take over as coach. The British lighweight team will be: John Melvin (London) in the single sculls; the Nottinghamshire County coxless four and the eight.

LIGHTWEIGHT EIGHT: Bow, S Melvin (London RC), A Wilson (Nottinghamshire County Rowing Association), T Reynolds (Leander Club), S Redwood Lea Rowing Club), P Luszczak (NCRA), S Simpole (LRC), C Cusack (Wallingford RC), Stroke, D Hessian (NCRA), cox P Davies (NCRA).



World athletics championships: the golden Czech bounces to the impossible in record time

Britain break through to silver

From Pat Butcher, Helsinki

Jarmila Kratochvilova did her "impossible double" yesterday and gave the first world championships the credence of a first world record. The Czech not only added the 400 metres title and the world record to the 800 metres whe won the previous day, she also became the first woman to run the event in under 48 seconds, albeit by 1/100th.

The British won their first medal, a silver, in the Women's 4 x 100 metres relay. After a relatively unimpressive first two legs by Joan Baptiste and Kathy Cook, Bev Callender ran a superb top bend to hand over to Shirley Thomas, who held off all but the East German world record holders, who won easily.

There were other fine British performances elsewhere, involving new United Kingdom records from Wendy Sly in the 3,000 metres and Sue Morley in the 488 metres hurdles.

In a race where Mary Decker finally proved the promise that she showed over a decade ago as a 14-year-old *wunderkind* by breaking the Soviet stranglehold on women's world distance running, Mrs Sly knocked almost nine seconds off her own UK record. She ran 8 minutes 37.06 seconds in fifth place, and Jane Furniss also broke the record in seventh place.

Miss Decker led all the way, as is her wont, with Tatiana Kazankina and Svetlana Ulmosova, the world record holder, on her shoulder. Miss Decker reduced the pace sufficiently in the middle laps after relatively fast first kilometre in order to give herself a finishing sprint.

It has never worked before for Miss Decker but this first time must have been sweet. When the two Soviet women gathered themselves to sprint off the last bend, with Mrs Sly still in contention, Miss Decker just ran away to the line and a glorious reception.

In the 400 metres hurdles another Soviet world record holder, Anna Ambrazene, was beaten by one of her compatriots, Ekaterina Fesenko. They were first and second, and although Sue Morley was seventh she was pleased enough to break the United Kingdom record that she has been chasing for five years by 2/100ths of a second.

Colin Reitz, Graeme Fell and Roger Hackney were impressive in winning their way to the steeplechase final but Reitz feels that he may have set himself up for a beating. His semi-final time was 8 minutes 22.91 seconds but he gestured in what most people took to be an insulting way to his competitors as he crossed the finishing line.

Reitz said afterwards: "It was a moment of madness, it was a bit childish. It was a bad mistake and I suppose I have set myself up for a hiding." Hackney was badly spiked and received treatment on a foot that was already heavily strapped from a tendon strain. He reckons to stay in bed on the championship rest day today and be ready for tomorrow's final.

Miss Kratochvilova has become an impressive member of an impressive pantheon in the women's 400 metres since it was introduced for record purposes by the IAAF in 1957. Shin Keum Dan, of North Korea, was the first woman to run under 52 seconds in 1964. Ten years later, after prolonged success as a sprinter and long jumper, the Polish multi medalist and world record holder, Irena Szewinska, moved up to the distance and took it into the sub-50-second era.

In the absence of the previous world record holder, Marita Koch, of East Germany, this race was almost a foregone con lusion for Miss Kratochvilova. The world record gave it its importance and that was on by the halfway mark when Miss Kratochvilova had almost caught all of her competitors stretched out on the lane staggers outside her.

Tatana Kocembova, also of Czechoslovakia, was the only one who got anywhere near to her compatriot, and even that, for second place, was not within half a second.

But in recent years the event has been ruled by Miss Koch. Now Miss Kratochvilova is queen and the best thing that could happen when she comes to Crystal Palace for the European Cup in 10 days' time is that Miss Koch, who has been sprinting because of injury that has precluded her running the 400 metres should compete in that event and set up the best race of Saturday week.

Czech must answer critics

From Pat Butcher

There are two theories, equally repugnant but gaining in popularity, which seek to explain the success of Jarmila Kratochvilova, the double world champion and double world record holder. The first is that Miss Kratochvilova has taken drugs to improve her performance. The second, quite bluntly, is that she is not a woman.

While Miss Kratochvilova was being consistently beaten by Marita Koch, of East Germany, who is an attractive woman by conventional standards, no one complained very much. Except, that is, for Gaby Bussman, of West Germany, who finished *fourth* in the 400 metres yesterday, and is also a very attractive woman. In 1981 *Die Welt* reported Miss Bussman as saying that Miss Kratochvilova's competitors should boycott her races on the grounds that the Czechoslovakian resembles a man too much.

Now the opinion that Miss Kratochvilova is not a woman is circulating in what would normally be described as a "whispering campaign" were it not for the fact that it is being shouted across press boxes by track and field "experts". The expertise is question is the time-honoured "evidence of my own eyes". That used to be the method of sex testing – in what was termed "visual inspecion" – in international athletics until 1966 when the chromosome test was introduced. Miss Kratochvilova has passed this sex test and has a certificate to prove it.

Concerning her extremely muscular appearance, improvement in time for the 400 metres, from 53.01sec in 1976 to towards her new world record of 47.99sec, Miss Kratochvilova and her coach, Miroslav Kvac, have often given explanations which have been well-documented.

Miss Kratochvilova told *L'Equipe*, the French sports daily, that: "From 1973 to 1977 I was often ill, suffering from angina and influenza three or four times a year." Kvac added that the muscle improvement was a result of a progressive weight-training schedule in which Miss Kratochvilova performs repetition squats with 130 kilograms (almost 300lbs). Miss Kratochvilova has also passed every drug test, after being placed in the first three in every major competition since 1978.

The list of people making big improvements in performance over one year, let alone over half a dozen is endless. So is the list of people who do not fit conventional ideas of beauty.

Nevertheless, the critics will remain, as will the critics – with more reason – of the International Amateur Athletics Federation's (IAAF) doping control programme, which needs to push ahead faster. The only reason that the Americans are getting their first test centre next year is because the Olympics are going to be in Los Angeles.

But by far the best thing would be the introduction of random testing everywhere which the IAAF, with the sort of money they are earning nowdays, could certainly introduce. And if those whispers get any louder, perhaps Miss Kratochvilova would like to silence them by taking a new sex test.

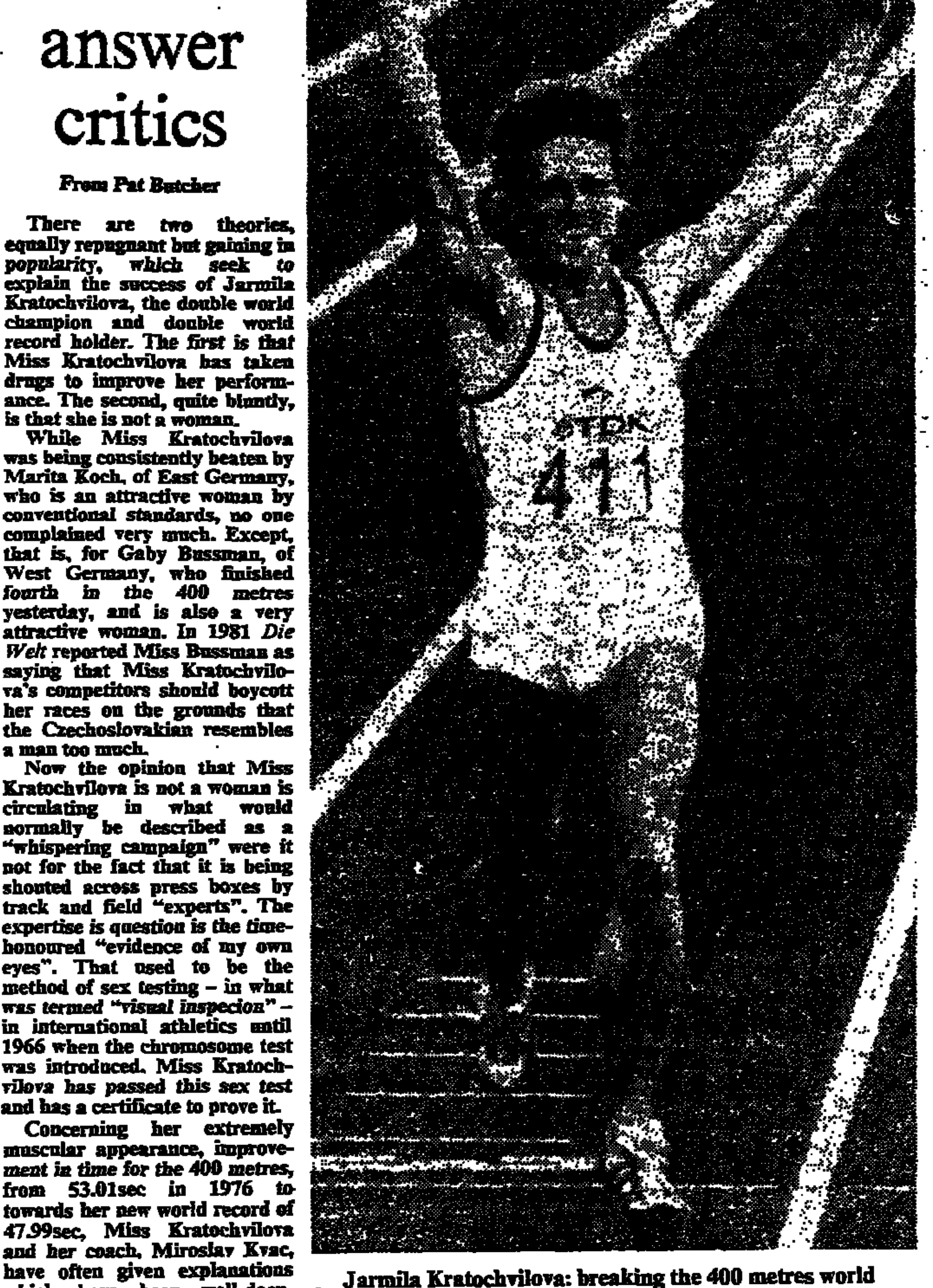
In the meantime, we should applaud an athlete who has set a world record and won a world championship in an event which she has barely been able to practise because of an injury.

Last weekend, the painfully shy Miss Kratochvilova explained that, while hanging out the washing for her mother three weeks ago in her home village of Golsuv Jenikov (80 kilometres east of Prague), she felt a twinge of the leg cramps, which she had had last year, that spoiled her preparation for Athens, where she finished second to Marita Koch.

Rather than run a 200 metres as arranged in Munich two weeks ago, she ran the 800 metres, seeing it "as a flowing race which did not involve the muscle tensions of sprinting."

She broke the world record with 1min 53.28sec, pondered for two weeks whether she could achieve the "impossible double" – 400 and 800 metres – here in Helsinki. *Then she did it.*

London may see even better. Miss Kratochvilova is thinking of running the 200, 400 and 800 metres in the European Cup at Crystal Palace on Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and 21.



Jarmila Kratochvilova: breaking the 400 metres world record yesterday. Her new-found brilliance has raised some old doubts and ugly questions

Lewis takes his time to walk on air

From David Miller, Helsinki

Carl Lewis continued to give the first world championships the true mark of quality here yesterday when he soared towards an even more elite niche in athletics history. With his first attempt in the long jump, delayed with the stewards permission to permit him to anchor the United States sprint relay team in a runaway semi-final victory, he recorded only the tenth jump ever over 28 feet - seven of them his.

Eight of the finalists had already had their first jump when Lewis, who had been drawn first, strolled across accompanied by an official from the conclusion of the relay. Slowly he peeled off the tight fitting tracksuit bottom from that incomparable physique in which, as with his legendary forerunner, Jesse Owens, no muscle is apparent until he moves. He is truly like a Greek sculpture.

As he stood poised on the run up, that rounded Belafonte profile gazing ahead, not even the swarm of photographers pursuing Mary Decker, the 3,000 metre's champion a few yards away on her lap of honour could divert his concentration. Away he went with that high-stepping stride and animal grace. Up he rose from the board with that huge scissors-kick, and a roar broke from the crowd as he landed at 8.55 metres, or 28 feet and ¾ inch.

That was one centimetre or ½ an inch better than the Olympic winning leap of Lutz Dombrowski, from East Germany, in Moscow – the only European to exceed 28 feet, the other two men to clear that distance having been Bob Beaman in the rarified air of the Mexico Olympics and Larry Myricks at Rhede in West Germany last year.

It placed Lewis way ahead of Jason Grimes, his compatriot, in second place with his first jump of 8.29m, and it would, I suppose, have been the grand gesture if Lewis had put on his track suit and departed there and then to warm up for the relay final – an echo of Owen's world record with his only jump one afternoon almost 50 years ago.

If the IAAF were to distinguish between performances at sea level and at altitude above, say, 1,000 or 2,000 feet – and they must surely do soon – then there could be no question whatever about Lewis's right to be considered the world's greatest athlete at the short, explosive events since Jesse Owens in the thirties.

This is always assuming, of course, that we do not take into account those remarkable contemporary all-rounders in the decathlon, Jurgen Hingsen, of West Germany, and Daley Thompson, who regularly swap the world record in their fascinating personal battles

It is astonishing to contemplate that in six of those events Thompson's best performances approach or even surpass the world records of Owen's day. They are as follows (Thompson's performance first and the 1926 world record second):

100 metres: 10.32sec/10.2sec (hand timing); long jump: 8.11metres/8.13metres; high jump: 2.14metres/2.07metres; 400metres: 46.86sec/46.1sec; 110 metres hurdles: 14.31sec/14.1sec; pole vault: 5.20metres/4.43metres.

Owens, remember, had the unique double distinction of breaking four world records in a single afternoon at Ann Arbor on May 25, 1935 – including the long jump of 8.13 metres (26ft 8¼in) which stood for 25 years until Ralph Boston jumped 26ft 11¼in – and taking four gold medals in the Berlin Olympics.

It is nonsense that the altitude records of Calvin Smith (100: 9.93sec) Pietro Mennea (200: 19.72sec), Lee Evans (400: 43.86sec); Bob Beamon (long jump: 8.90 metres), João Carlos de Oliveira (triple jump: 17.89 metres) and Evelyn Ashford (100: 10.79sec) are rated officially superior to the low level performances of Lewis (100: 9.97sec, 200: 19.75sec, long jump: 8.79 metres), Alberto Juantorena (400: 44.26sec), Willie Banks (triple jump: 17.56 metres) and Marlis Gohr (100: 10.81).

All those who achieved their records at altitude had best performances at sea level noticeably inferior.

Frankly, I think there is also a strong case for the wind speed limit to one metre per second. At speeds approaching two mps there is a substantial assistance to sprinters,

In a sensational conclusion to the day's events, Lewis and his colleagues, King, Goult and Smith – the altitude record holder at 100 metres – left the rest of the field battling in their wake 5 metres adrift as they set a new world 4 x 100 metres relay record of 37.86sec, the first quartet ever to go under 38sec. Down the final straight Lewis – the supreme athlete of these championships – widened the gap that had been handed to him by Smith by at least two to three yards.







Ekaterina Fesenko, Soviet 400m women's hurdles gold medallist, and Colin Reitz, British 3,000m steeplechase finalist.

Yesterday's results at Helsinki

Men

400 METRES: Final: 1, B Cameron (Jam) 45.05; 2, M Franks (US), 45.22; 3, S Nix (US), 45.24; 4, E Skamrahl (WG), 45.37; 5, H Weber (WG), 45.49; 6, T Schoenlebe (EG), 45.50; 7, M Paul (Trin), 45.80; 8, G de Andrade Souza (Br), 45.91.

3,000 METRE STEEPLECHASE: Semi-finals: Heat 1: 1, C Reitz (GB), 8:22.91; 2, H Melzer (EG), 8:23.10; 3, H Marsh (US), 8:23.18; 4, T Ekblom (Fin), 8:23.25. Also qualified: 5, M Scartezzini (It), 8:23.30. Heat 2: 1, B Maminski (Pol), 8:20.21; 2, P Ilg (WG), 8:20.23; 3, J Korir (Ken), 8:21.07; 4, J Mahmoud (Fra), 8:21.29. Also qualified: 5, D Ramon (Sp), 8:21.61; 6, R Hackney (GB), 8:22.44; 7, G Fell (GB), 8:23.22.

4 x 100 METRES RELAY: Semi-finals: Heat 1: 1, Soviet Union, 38.62; 2, Italy, 38.74; 3, Poland, 39.01; 4, France, 39.14. Heat 2: United States, 38.50; 2, East Germany, 38.95; 3, West Germany, 39.13; 4, Jamaica, 39.18. Not qualified: 5, Great Britain 39.39.

JAVELIN: Qualifiers: 1, D Michel (EG), 90.40m (296ft 7in); 2, K Tafelmeier (WG), 88.88; 3, R Roggy (US), 86.16; 4, H Puuste (USSR), 85.86; 5, T Petranoff (US), 85.68; 6, K Eldebrink (Swe) 85.64; 7, Z Adamec (Cz), 84.54; 8, E Utriainen (Fin), 84.22; 9, D Kula (USSR), 83.18; 10, P E Olsen (Nor), 83.10; 11, P Ewaliko (US), 82.68; 12, A Aho (Fin), 81.82.

Women

400 METRES: Final: 1, J Kratochvilova (Cz) 47.99 (world record); 2, T Kocembova (Cz) 48.59; 3, M Pinigina (USSR) 49.19; 4, G Bussmann (WG) 49.75; 5, M Payne (Can) 50.06; 6, I Baskakova (USSR) 50.48; 7, D Rybsam (EG) 50.48; 8, R Bryant (US) 50.66.

3,000 METRES: Final: 1, M Decker-Tabb (US), 8:34.62; 2, B Kraus (WG), 8:35.11; 3, T Kazankina (USSR), 8:35.13; 4, S Ulmasova (USSR), 8:35.55; 5, W Sly (GB), 8:37.06. Other British placings: 7, J Furniss, 8:45.69; 13, C Benning, 8:58.01

400 METRES HURDLES: Final: 1, E Fesenko (USSR) 54.14; 2, A Ambrazene (USSR) 54.15; 3, E Fiedler (EG) 54.55; 4, P Pfaff (EG) 54.64; 5, R Krug (EG) 54.75; 6, A-L Skoglund (Swe) 54.80; 7, S Morley (GB) 56.04; 8, C Cojocaru (Rom) 56.26.

4 x 100 METRES: Semi-finals: Heat 1: 1, Great Britain, 43.05; 2, Bulgaria, 43.19; 3, Soviet Union, 43.51. Also qualified: Czechoslovakia, 43.89. Heat 2: 1, East Germany, 42.58; 2, Jamaica, 43.10; 3, France, 43.52. Also qualified: Canada, 44.19.

SHOT: Qualifiers: 1, I Slupianek (EG) 19.96m (65ft 7in); 2, N Lisovskaya (USSR) 19.68; 3, H Fibingerova (Cz) 19.25; 4, M Sarria (Cuba) 19.24; 5, N Abashidze (USSR) 19.10; 7, M Loghin (Rom) 18.87; 8, Z Silhava (Cz) 18.57; 9, V Head (GB) 18.41; 10, C Losch (WG) 18.24; 11 G Martin (Aus) 17.79; 12, J Oakes (GB) 17.61. Not qualified: 18, M Ritchie (GB) 16.14.

DISCUSS: Final: 1, M Opitz (EG), 68.94m (226ft 2in); 2, G Murashova, (USSR), 67.44; 3, M Petkova (Bul), 66.44; 4, T Hristova (Bul), 65.62; 5, G Beyer (EG), 65.28; 6, Z Silhava (Cz), 64.32; 7, R Stalman (Neth), 63.78; 8, M Ritchie (GB), 62.50; 9, F Craciunescu (Rom), 62.14; 10, S Mitkova (Bul), 62.06.

● The following results were received too late for inclusion in yesterday's earlier editions.

MEN: Steeplechase: Heat 3: 1, C Reitz (GB), 8:22.78; 2, B Maminski (Pol), 8:22.79; 3, P Ilg (WG), 8:22.97; 4, R Tuwei (Ken), 8:23.88; 5, H Melzer (EG), 8:24.23. 10,000 Metres: Final: 1, A Cova (It), 28:01.04; 2, W Schildhauer (EG), 28:01.18; 3, H Kunze (EG), 28:01.26; 4, M Vainio (Fin), 28:01.37; 5, G Shahanga (Tanz), 28:01.93; 6, C Lopez (Port), 28:06.78; 7, N Rose (GB), 28:07.53; 8, C Herle (WG), 28:09.05; 9 M Kedir (Eth), 28:09.92; 10, B Debele (Eth), 28:11.18; 12, S Jones (GB), 28:15.03. Hammer: Final: 1, S Litvinov (USSR), 82.68m; 2, Z Kwasny (Pol), 81.54; 3, Y Sedykh (USSR), 80.94; 4, I Nikulin (USSR), 79.34; 5, G Rodehau (EG), 77.08. Long Jump: Qualifiers: 1, C Lewis (US), 8.37; 2, J Grimes (US), 8.29; 3, G Honey (Aus), 8.12; 4, Y Ali (NI), 8.11; 5, A Corgos (Sp), 8.05; 6, Stepanian (USSR), 8.01; 7, L Szalma (Hun), 7.93; 8, A Atanassov (Bul), 7.96; 9, G Cojocaru (Rom), 7.92.

WOMEN: Heptathlon: Final standings: 1, R Neubert (EG), 6,714; 2, S Paetz (EG), 6,662; 3, A Vater (EG), 6,532; 4, S Everts (WG), 6,368; 5, V Dimitrova (Bul), 6,362. High Jump: Final: 1, T Bykova (USSR), 2.01m; 2, U Meyfarth (WG), 1.99; 3, L Ritter (US), 1.95; 4, C Sumner (US), 1.95; 5, K Brandt (EG), 1.92.

● Daley Thompson will make an eleventh hour decision whether to start the decathlon. The 25-year-old Olympic, European and Commonwealth champion is still having problems with a groin injury that could rule him out.

Pole loses his silver

The Polish hammer thrower, Zdzislaw Kwasmy, lost his silver medal after a protest by the Soviet Union and had to settle for bronze. The Pole, aged 22, recorded a throw of 81.54 metres with his final effort on Tuesday to move into second place in front of the Soviet Olympic champion, Yuri Sedykh.

Soviet officials protested that Kwasmy had stepped out of the throwing circle, and the appeal jury ruled in their favour by reversing the order yesterday morning. The Soviet army officer, Sergei Litvinov, aged 25, won the competition with his first throw of 82.68 metres, short of his world record

IN BRIEF

Miss Grice keeps her lead to the end

Yorkshire's Penny Grice had a final round of 75 for a 54-hole total of 219, level par, to win the English under-23 stroke play championship at Hallamshire, *Sheffield*, yesterday. Miss Grice, the winner of the English girls title last week, had led from the opening round and finished two stokes clear of Laura Davies and Allison Nicholas.

● Marc Pendaries of France, added weight to the strong Continental challenge for the British boys' championship at Glenbervie yesterday. The 17-year-old schoolboy from Paris had five birdies in reaching the last 32 with a six and five fourth round win over Nigel Brown of Hartlepool.

Giles Hickman, last year's beaten finalist and Reeves Weedon, the *1981* runner-up, safely negotiated the fourth round, along with the Englich boy cap Ian Spencer, who beat his international team-mate Peter Baker at the 21st.

RUGBY UNION: The Gloucester and England under-23 loose head prop forward, Malcolm Preedy, has returned home after five months in New Zealand with the Auckland club Pakuranga and ended speculation that he could be joining Moseley or Bristol. "Playing for any Gloucester team is an honour and I shall be staying at Kingsholm near where I was born and where my heart is," he said.

CRICKET: Gloucester will play a three-day match against Ireland at Bristol starting next Wednesday and admission will be free. The county had decided not to make a charge for entry to show their appreciation of the large attendance for their NatWest Trophy quarter-final against Hampshire last week. Receipts then were a record £17,000.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 5, Texas Rangers 4; Cleveland Indians 4, Baltimore Orioles 3; Chicago White Sox 6, Detroit Tigers 5; Toronto Blue Jays 8, New York Yankees 0; Kansas City Royals 8, Milwaukee Brewers 2; California Angels 8, Minnesota Twins 2; Oakland Athletics 7, Seattle Mariners 6.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 6, St Louis Cardinals 3; Atlanta Braves 7, San Francisco Giants 2; Pittsburgh Pirates 3, Philadelphia Phillies 1; Montreal Expos 7, New York Mets 3; San Diego Padres 3, Houston Astros 2; Cincinnati Reds 5, Los Angeles Dodgers 4.

EQUESTRIANISM

FALSTERBRO: Three-day event, dressage: 1, R Walker (GB), Globetrotter, 45.8 pts; 2, M Stanius (WG), Aria, 50.8; 3, M Iogvarsson (Swe), Shangri-La, 51.2; 4, A Nilsson (Swe), Noon Star, 51.8.

FOOTBALL

SOVIET LEAGUE: Zhalgiris 0, Torpedo Moscow 0; Dynamo Minsk 1, CASK Moscow 1; Shakhtyor Donetsk 1, Ararat Yerevan 4; Chernomorets 0, Torpedo Kutaisi 0; Dynamo Moscow 3, Neftchi Baku 1.
DORDECHT: Four-club tournament: Everton 3, Haarlem 1; DS 179 Dordecht 2, Mechelen 1.

TENNIS

CLEVELAND, OHIO: Western Open: Men's singles first round: V Amritraj (India) bt H Solomon (US), 6-3, 7-6; B Waltz (US) bt M Dickson (US), 2-6, 7-6, 6-4; N Saviano (US) bt V Amaya (US), 7-5, 6-1; J Austin (US) bt F Pahlett (Swe), 6-2, 6-0; P Feigl (Austria) bt M Brunnberg (US), 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; C Dibaura (Peru) bt E Iskersky (US), 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; R Seguso (US) bt B Manson (US), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

GOLF

HALLAMSHIRE: English women's under -23 strokeplay championship: 219: P Grice, 72,72,75. 221: L Davies, 75,71,75; A Nicholas, 75,74,72. 225: N McCormack, 72,77,76; J Brown, 74,76,75. 227: P Johnson, 76,75,76. 228: S Dutig, 76,74,78. 229: K Douglas, 228; P Barry, 79,75,76. 224: C Pierce, 79,74,75. 230: C Hall, 78,79,74. 232: L Waring, 77,78,76; C Swallow, 77, 80,75. 234: Smillie, 82,76,77; D Boyd, 82,75,77; T Bourne, 78,79,77.
GLENBERVIE: British boys' championship: Fourth round: G Hickman bt T Gray, 3 and 2; T Nash bt I Bavder 3 and 2; I Spencer bt P Baker at 21st; M Brennan bt C McPherson 1 hole; R Weedon bt H Eriksson (Swe), 4 and 3; M Penderies (Fr) bt N Brown, 6 and 5; P McArthur bt J Grant, at 22nd; N Roberts bt M Macara, 1 hole; M Owen bt M Krantz (Swe), 1 hole; J Olazabal (Sp) bt F Wieland, 2 and 1; R Muscroft bt A Currie, 2 holes; B Shields bt A Turnbull, 2 and 1; J Moir bt P Jones, 1 hole; F George bt J Robinson, 2 holes; J McGarragle bt N Roderick, at 21st.
Fifth round: Hickman bt Nash, 6 and 5; Brennan bt Spencer, 2 and 1; Weedon bt McArthur, 2 and 1; Penderies bt Roberts, 5 and 4; Olazabal bt Owen, 6 and 4; Muscroft bt Sweeteur, 4 and 3; Moir bt Shields, 2 and 1; George bt McGarragle, 3 and 2.

HOCKEY

KINGSTON: Five-nation women's under-21 tournament: Jamaica 1, Trinidad and Tobago 1; Canada 1, Wales 1; England 2, Wales 0; Jamaica 0, Canada 0.

SKIING

ASHBURTON: Mount Hutt Series Slalom: 1, F Woerndl (WG), 2min 08.05 sec; 2, F Gruber (Austria), 2:10.44; 3, P Nanberger (WG), 2:10.51; 4, G Mader (Austria), 2:11.14; 5, L Stock (Austria), 2:11.18.

VOLLEYBALL

LONG BEACH: Pre-Olympic tournament: United States bt Japan, 15-9, 15-17, 15-6, 15-8; Brazil bt Canada, 10-15, 15-11, 15-7, 15-7.

Toulouse, (AFP) The French Rugby League side Toulouse have signed two Australian prop forwards, Robert Knight, and John Boxsell. Both are 21 and from Brisbane clubs.

BOXING

Jones may go indoors

Las Vegas - Colin Jones has been told to stand by for a possible change of venue for his return world welterweight championship bout with Milton McCrory here on Saturday. It could be the answer to a prayer. Since he realized nearly a month ago the fierceness of the afternoon sun in Nevada, Jones's manager, Eddie Thomas, has been campaigning to have the contest moved indoors.

Medical opinion agrees with him. The State Boxing Commission doctor, Donald Romeo, said: "It was not the cleverest idea to set the fight outside at 2.30 in the afternoon." On recent evidence, the afternoon sunshine in Las Vegas is only for mad dogs and Englishmen, certainly not pale-skinned Welshmen like Jones. Shade temperatures climb well above 100 degrees and clouds and thunderstorms have caused high humidity.

Jones has done his best to acclimatize to the extreme conditions but does not look forward to 12 rounds in an oven. The move, if it takes place, will not be for medical reasons. The promoters were shocked to hear on Monday that the Dunes Hotel might not be available for legal reasons connected with a $135m change of ownership of the hotel.

Thomas said: "I have been trying hard to get the fight inside. It seems that things may be going our way, even if it is not for the reasons I put forward. The advantages are obvious. Outside you have to pace yourself to survive. Inside you can go flat out from the start. McCrory would benefit as well."

BOWLS

Perfect day for Miss Valls and Mrs Price

By Gordon Allan

Jean Valls, of Raynes Park, Surrey, will play Mary Price, of Burnham, Buckingham, in the singles final of the English women's championships, sponsored by *Lombard North Central*, at Victoria Park, Leamington Spa, today. In yesterday's semi finals, played in perfect weather, Miss Valls beat last year's champion, Wendy Clarke, of Southampton, 21-9, and Mrs Price beat Betty Stubbings, of Pickering, Yorkshire, 21-6.

When I edged my way into the crowd on the bank, Miss Valls led 8-0. That was how it went on. She scored 12, including two fours, before Mrs Clarke so much as got a shot on the board. Miss Valls bowled a consistent length, and Mrs Clarke had one of those games when perfectly angled woods persisted in running a yard or so past the head when she wanted them to stop forthwith. We all, from the humblest to the highest, know the feeling.

Mrs Clarke made a small fight of it in the later stages, but Miss Valls did not panic – with such a lead, she had no reason – and in due course, as the afternoon shadows lengthened, shadows which probably affected the players as they bowled towards the car park end, a place in the final was hes to sleep on.

Mrs Price had little bother in beating Mrs Stubbings, a gold medal winner at the last Commonwealth Games. It was a solid, rather than spectacular, performance. Mrs Stubbings' length was not all it should have been. Mrs Price had only, as they say, to play her normal game to win. In the morning, Mrs Clarke beat the youngest competitor, Catherine Anton, aged 18, of Peterborough, 21-11. Miss Valls beat Bernice Trafford, of Oxford, 21-7.

In the fours, the Durham B team, skippered by Norma Shaw, the world singles champion, overwhelmed Durham A 27-9 to reach today's final, in which they will play Norfolk A, skipped by Margaret Doggett, who beat Middlesex C, skippered by Mavis Steele, 25-20. Mrs Shaw was said by her rueful opponents to have been at her matchless best. Miss Steele's four made up a big deficit and were only two shots behind when the last end began.

SINGLES: Third round: J Valls (Raynes Park) bt D Etchells (Courtfield), 21-12; B Trafford (Oxford City and County) bt L Hawkins (Stratford) 21-10; C Anton (Peterborough) bt P Thomas (Plympton) 21-18; W Clarke (Southampton) bt E Scorer (Whitley and Monkseaton) 21-8; B Stubbings (Pickering) bt B Norbury (Redruth) 21-8; I Roberts (Langford BC) bt B French (Bedford) 21-20; G Berry (Hatfield) bt I Briggs (Greenhill) 21-8; M Price (Burnham) bt L Thomson (Edenside) 21-14. Quarter finals: Valls bt Trafford 21-7; Clarke bt Anton 22-11; Stubbings bt Roberts 21-17; Price bt Berry 21-7.

FOURS: Quarter finals: County Arts (Norwich) 23, Burnham (Bucks) 13; Ladygate (Middlesex) 21, Torquay Kings 17; Burnham-on-sea 7, Ropner Park (Stockton) 21; Ipswich 22, Durham City 23.

WORTHING: EGB National Men's Fours Championship: Semi-finals: Bolton 21, Stoke (Coventry) 13; Summertown (Oxford) 18 Monks Road WMC (Lincs) 15.

CRICKET: COOK CALLED UP AS STANDBY FOR INJURED EDMONDS

Better the pitch, better it is for England

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

The third Test match against New Zealand starts at Lord's today and a good game would go with the season. After six weeks in which it seemed that it would rain until the world ended, we have had some splendid cricket, played in glorious weather with Lord's enjoying as its share of the spoils two marvellous one-day finals. Even what promised to be, when tickets were first on sale, one of the less compelling of Lord's Test matches is now nothing of the kind.

Rather than having things all their own way, England are fighting for their lives. New Zealand's victory at Headingley, their first in England, cancelled out England's at the Oval and I can see no obvious reason, other than the historical, why an English win at Lord's should not be the least likely result, a tie excluded.

Uncertainty in the English camp grew yesterday when Botham was unable to bowl in the nets (he took a knock on the thigh when practising earlier in the week) and Nick Cook, Leicestershire's left-arm spinner, was sent for as a standby for Edmonds, who had ricked his back – which has given him such trouble in the past – getting out of his car. With one or two cracks showing on the pitch and more sunshine forecast there was talk that Cook and Edmonds might both play.

Cook, who is 26 and has made steady progress in recent seasons, was pulled out of Leicestershire's match against Essex at Chelmsford yesterday after he had batted. When the same thing happened to Gladstone Small a year ago, before the Edgbaston Test, he was back in the Warwickshire attack at Southport next day, having missed only a morning's play. Underwood being unavailable, the form horse among left arm spinners is, I suppose, Norman Gifford, now 43, who, by a coincidence was bowling for England at Lords in 1973 when New Zealand made 551 for nine declared, their highest ever Test score. England's bowling, with the exception of the indomitable Willis is unimpressive enough without these extra hindrances. Two days after the last Test match when Peter May said he watched Botham running down the hill at Hove with all his old spring, the wish I am afraid was father to the thought. In 46 expensive overs in the present series Botham has taken the wickets of three tail enders and Hadlee. In his last seven Test matches his 22 wickets have cost 40 runs apiece and he has averaged in their time only 25 with the bat. For eveyone's peace of mind, not least his own, he needs a reassuring performance.

The appearance of Foster will be of particular interest. Untill watching him at Chelmsford on Monday and Tuesday I had not realized quite how tall and spindly he is. I remember going with Walter Robins in Sydney in January 1951, to collect Roy Tattersall and young Brian Statham – replacements for Wright and Bailey respectively – off the London flight. Both looked a winter pale and poplar thin. Statham was as inexperienced then as Foster now, probably more so. It took him a year or so to fill out and it helped him I think to be spectacularly double jointed. Foster, for his part, has unusually long arms. They, too, could be a help, but it would be unfair to expect great things of him.

At Headingly New Zealand had the attack more suited to the conditions. Should the ball move about again as it did then, the same thing could happen here. Although there was nothing in the pitch as it looked yesterday to suggest that it would, you cannever be sure of that at Lord's.

The better it plays the better it should be for England. They have the stroke-makers to colour the New Zealand bowling as New Zealand might well colour England's. One less attractive possibility is that Smith and Tavaré, assuming they open together, should get badly bogged down. Both do tend to play that way.

Since his undefeated hundred at Headingley – a lovely piece of batting, too, Gower has been brought down to earth by making a pair against Nottinghamshire. New Zealand since then have been given a poor game by Hampshire which prompted Howarth, their captain, to ask whether it is not time for the counties to reassess the way they treat matches against touring sides. This is a fair point and one which, out of courtesy, should be taken up.

Lastly, a difference between the sides which reflected as well on one as it does unflatteringly on the other. When the last Test ended at Headingley New Zealand had gone for 365.4 overs without bowling a no ball. England that time had bowled nearer 50.

The no ball law, as it is at present framed, may be a bad one, but there is nothing "professional" about failing to adapt to it. At Adelaide last December Pringle's 28 no balls in Australia's first innings had to be set against the 22 runs by which England failed to save the follow on. Between two closely matched sides these things matter.

ENGLAND (from): R G D Willis (Warwickshire, capt), T A Lloyd (Warwickshire), C L Smith (Hampshire), C J Tavaré (Kent), D I Gower (Leicestershire), A J Lamb (Northamptonshire), I T Botham (Somerset), M W Gatting (Middlesex), P H Edmonds (Middlesex), N G B Cook (Leicestershire), R W Taylor (Derbyshire), N G Cowans (Middlesex), N A Foster (Essex).
NEW ZEALAND (from): G P Howarth (capt), J G Wright, B A Edgar, T J Franklin, J J Crowe, M D Crowe, J V Coney, R J Hadlee, I D S Smith, B L Cairns, J G Bracewell, E J Gray, E J Chatfield.
Umpires: D J Constant and D G L Evans.


Brothers-in-arms: Chris Smith Neil Foster and Andy Lloyd, the new musketeers of England

YACHTING

Emphatic success for German boats

By John Nicholls

The German team of Sabina (H. Noack), Pinta (W. Illbruck) and Outsider (T. Hansen) were emphatic winners of the Admiral's Cup series, sponsored by Champagne Mumm, after their resounding success in the Fastnet race which finished at Plymouth yesterday. All three boats were among the first eleven in their class on corrected time, scoring the highest number of points and easily maintaining the overall lead they had established after the third of the five-race series.

This is the second German win, the first being ten years ago, since when Britain has won the trophy three of the four occasions it has been competed for. As holders, this year's British team of Indulgence (Graham Walker), Black Topic (Dixon Atkinson) and Dragon (Brian Saffery Cooper) were under pressure ever since they were selected following some unsatisfactory trials.

They started the series badly at Cowes and never looked like potential winners, starting the Fastnet race in fifth place. Black Topic, previously the lowest scoring boat of the three, had a highly successful Fastnet, finishing 10th in her class on corrected time. Indulgence, however, had kept the team's hopes alive through the first four races, but suffered a depressing Fastnet, finishing 40th of the 4[illegible] finishers. Dragon was reliably consistent, but the best the three boats could achieve was seventh place overall. This was the lowest placed British team (previously third was the worst since the series began in 1957).

The highest individual points winner in the Admiral's Cup series will probably be the French entry, Diva (B Moureau). The only doubt about her achievement arises from a protest lodged by Justine (Frank Woods, Ireland), claiming that Diva was not showing navigation lights on the final night of the Fastnet. The protest will be heard this morning.

The overall winner of the Fastnet race could well be Condor (Bob Bell, Bermuda), already the holder of nine honours and the record time for the course. She will not know until the early hours of this morning whether or not any of the smaller boats still to finish can beat her corrected time.

ADMIRAL'S CUP: Fastnet race: 1, Diva (Fr); 2, Brava (It); 3, Justin (Ire); 4, Sabina (WG); 5, Almagores (It); 6, Pinta (WG). British placings: 10, Black Topic; 21, Dragon; 40, Indulgence. Provisional team points, Fastnet race: 1, West Germany, 351 pts; 2, Italy, 286; 3, Canada, 273; 4, Papua New Guinea, 273; 5, Netherlands, 281; 6, New Zealand, 256; 5, Great Britain, 204. Provisional final team placings: 1, West Germany, 847 pts; 2, Italy, 680; 3, United States, 656; 4, Australia, 630; 5, Canada, 624; 6, New Zealand, 604; 7, Great Britain, 485.

Victory is lighter but her load is heavier

By Barry Pickthall

As the semi-finals to select a challenger for the America's Cup get under way at Newport, Rhode Island, today, Britain's Victory '83 crew, now led by Lawrie Smith, know they have an uphill battle to stay in the series. Though finishing second, 6.2 points adrift of the radically designed Australia II in the preliminary rounds before the departure of two other Australian yachts, Advance and Challenge 12, as well as France 3, the margin between the British yacht and the bottom-placed Canada I was a slender 1.7 points.

The round robin series, which runs through to August 22, will pit Victory '83 against her opponents, Australia II, Canada I and the Aga Khan-backed Italian 12-metre Azzurra three times over the full 24.4-miles America's Cup course.

Since the completion of the preliminary rounds last week Victory '83 has been fitted with a lighter rudder and a new Procter mast, manufactured with a lighter top section aimed at improving stability and reducing pitching.

Though Smith replaces Phil Crebbin as skipper of the 12-metre and will share the helm during this series with the triple Olympic medal winner, Rodney Pattisson, Peter de Savary, the Victory syndicate head, issued a statement denying that Crebbin, who is on holiday in California and has been the nominated skipper since 1980, has been sacked from the squad.

With the announcement yesterday from the tree-man international measurement committee, ratifying their earlier decision that Australia II and her radical bulbous keel does measure as a 12-metre and not as a 12.467-metre, as the Americans suggest, minds are concentrating on the controversial revelation that the Dennis Conner skippered Liberty, which is leading the American defence trials, is racing with three certificates to allow the crew to change sail area and ballast ratios to suit the conditions on the day.

The contoversy, fuelled last week by the announcement from syndicate heads from the other defence challengers, Defender and Courageous, that they, too, will be adopting the practice unless over-ruled by the New York Yacht Club, has been heightened by news yesterday that Canada I's crew are to follow this new custom in the semi-final trials to select a challenger.

Yesterday afternoon Jim Allabaster, spokesman for the Victory syndicate, said that they had not yet decided whether their Ian Howlett-designed 12-metre would be multiple-rated as well.

SEMI-FINAL DRAW: 1, Canada v Australia; 2, Victory v Azzurra; 3, Canada v Victory; 4, Australia v Azzurra; 5, Canada v Azzurra; 6, Australia v Victory; 7, Azzurra v Victory; 8, Australia v Canada; 9, Azzurra v Australia; 10, Victory v Canada; 11, Australia v Victory; 12, Azzurra v Canada; 13, Canada v Australia; 14, Victory v Australia; 15, Canada v Azzurra; 16, Canada v Victory; 17, Victory v Azzurra; 18, Australia v Canada.


The new skipper and the old: Smith and Crebbin

Imran battles at one end as the other crumbles

By Richard Streeton

EASTBOURNE: Hampshire, with all their first innings wickets in hand, are 263 runs behind Sussex.

An authoritative century from Imran Khan and determined resistance from Barclay and Pigott rescued Sussex from a dreadful start. Six wickets fell before lunch, but Hampshire were unable to press home their advantage. In baking sunshine a large holiday crowd also saw a cricket rarity: Barclay was run out by Marshall for backing up prematurely, and was then recalled by Pocock, the Hampshire captain.

David Shepard, the umpire, had no option but to give Barclay out when Marshall broke the wicket in his delivery stride. Barclay was out of his ground, but had not received the customary, unofficial warning from the bowler. Marshall, one suspects was still rankled by the rejection of an appeal for a leg side catch against Barclay in the previous over. As Barclay walked off Pocock raced from the slips and had Marshall's appeal withdrawn.

This unhappy episode though, will fade from the memory long before the recollection of Imran's innings. It was one of those occasions when a great batsman imposes his will on the attack and dominates the bowling by the power and freedom of his stroked play. Imran arrived when Sussex had not scored a run and had already lost Mendis and Cowan in Marshall's first two overs.

Imran straight way drove and pulled aggressively and was unperturbed as wickets tumbled at the other end. He finally reached 100 out of 145 in the 48th over with 17 fours. The pitch was green but lacked pace, and only Mashall obtained much bounce. Hampshire took some good catches but Sussex once again batted disappointingly. It cannot be easy for them at the moment to live with their recent failures.

Mendis and Cowan at the start were undone by sheer speed. Green was held right-handed in the gully by Greenidge at the second attempt: Heath was bowled behind his legs. Alan Wells was thrown out by Terry with a direct hit from cover, and Colin Wells was well caught at forward short leg. Imran, driving with his head in the air, was finally bowled by Jesty immediately after the Barclay incident. Imran's only chance was a hard one to gully off Nicholas, when he was 43.

Barclay stood firm for 42 overs, and Piggott for 52 overs and equalled his previous best score. Barclay was out when he cut full-bloodedly against Marshall and Greenidge in the gully dived and took a remarkable catch left-handed. Pigott, who received good support from Reeve and Waller, was last out. By then, Sussex, to an extent, had repaired their pride as well as their total.

SUSSEX: First Innings

†G D Mendis b Marshall	0
A M Green c Greenidge b Tremlett	19
R S Cowan c Parks b Marshall	0
Imran Khan b Jesty	101
J R P Heath b Malone	1
A P Wells run out	3
C M Wells c Turner b Marshall	0
*J R T Barclay c Greenidge b Marshall	41
A C S Pigot lbw b Nicholas	63
D A Reeve lbw b Nicholas	9
C E Waller not out	15
Extras (l-b 7, w 2, n-b 2)	11
Total	263

Score at 100 overs: 256 for 9.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1–01, 2–0, 3–56, 4–57, 5–78, 6–83, 7–149, 8–198, 9–227, 10–263.
BOWLING: Marshall 26–5–58–4; Malone 15–2–64–1; Tremlett 18–7–47–1; Nicholas 15.2–4–34–2; Jesty 8–3–12–1; Cowley 18–4–31–0; Pocock 1–0–6–0.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

C G Greenidge not out	0
V P Terry not out	0
Total (no wkt, 1 over)	0

M C J Nicholas, T E Jesty, D R Turner, *N E J Pocock, M D Marshall, N G Cowley, T M Tremlett, †R J Parks and S J Malone to bat.
Bonus points (to date): Sussex 3, Hampshire 4.
Umpires: D R Shepherd and P J Eele.

Licked by the ice man

By Alan Gibson

CHELTENHAM: Warwickshire, with eight first innings wickets in hand are 310 runs behind Gloucestershire.

Again the sound of carnival, again we swarm, a badly-ventilated crew . . . I cannot remember how it goes on, but it was the ballad of the Eton and Harrow match, by R A Knox, long ago, and the Cheltenham Festival carries echoes of those distant days. A large crowd attended in warm weather, but the only things that swarmed were the wasps, especially around the press tent, all looking eagerly for their 100 stings in August.

Gloucestershire had won the first match of the festival on Tuesday by an innings, after winning the toss. It is a tradition at Cheltenhan that the toss means the match, but the pitch then was truly ferocious, giving lift as well as spin. Yesterday they won the toss again. The pitch played well, after assistance from a heavy roller borrowed from the town council, and did not give many hints of danger to come.

Gloucester lost two quick wickets, Broad caught in the slips and Bainbridge leg before. Stovold and Zaheer then scored centuries. The third wicket did not fall until 264, when Zaheer was caught at mid-off. He had batted beautifully, but then we expect that. It was his fiftieth century for Gloucestershire, something of which most of us were unaware until, over a large ice cream, he informed the correspondent of the Bristol and West News Agency, who I suspect paid for the ice cream. There is no end to this cheque book journalism. Still, Zaheer is one of those cricketers, like Fred Trueman, who would always pass a quiz on his own statistics.

Stovoid's innings was less beautiful, yet in a way more interesting. When he scored a lot of runs earlier in the season, I thought he was a sound professional having a good run. When he wilted a little, I was not surprised. Now he is batting like a combination of the Inchcape Rock and the storms that attack it. Although he is 30 years old, should he ever be summoned to higher duties, I do not think he would let England down.

Romaines was out just before tea, Hogg's third wicket. That made it 290 for 4 in the 84th over, and Hignell was out soon afterwards, caught at long-off, from the dreaded Kallicharran. The declaration came at half past five, with Stovold 164 not out. Warwickshire batted uneasily.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A W Stovold not out	164
B C Broad c Kallicharran b Hogg	4
P Bainbridge lbw b Thorne	14
Zaheer Abbas c Gifford b Hogg	109
P W Romaines lbw b Old	12
A J Hignall c Hogg b Kallicharran	11
J N Shepherd not out	16
Extras (b 11, l b 11, n b 4)	26
Total (5 wkts dec)	356

Score at 100 overs: 339 for 5. *D A Graveney, †R C Russell, J H Childs and G E Sainsbury did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1–6, 2–74, 3–264, 4–290, 5–320.
BOWLING: Old 20-4-64-1; Hogg 15-1-53-2; Gifford 41-15-72-0; Thorne 10-0-59-1; Lethbridge 9-0-44-0; Kallicharran 11-1-38-1.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

R H I B Dyer l-b-w b Sainsbury	9
K D Smith not out	14
C Lethbridge b Sainsbury	1
A I Kallicharran not out	0
Extras (b 4, w 1)	5
Total (2 wkts, 15 overs)	29

D L Amiss, †G W Humpage, Asif Din, D Thorpe, C M Old, *N Gifford and W Hogg to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1–14, 2–25.
Bonus points (to date): Gloucestershire 4, Warwickshire 2. Umpires: J Birkenshaw and B J Meyer.

Spirits are lifted by Woolmer's hundred

By Alan Ross

CANTERBURY: Kent have scored 343 for eight wickets against Surrey

The sun appears rarely to have penetrated to the Canterbury area this month, and when Kent lost four wickets for 52 on a bitterly cold and cloudy morning it looked like a miserable day ahead for the locals. The cold persisted to the end but their spirits were lifted by one of Woolmer's most handsome hundreds. He and Baptiste put on 177, after some hostile bowling from Monkhouse in particular had made Cowdrey's decision to bat seem questionable.

Without Tavaré, Benson and Knott, all absent for different reasons, this was not the strongest of Kent batting line-ups. When Taylor played on to Clarke at 13, Aslett was bowled by Monkhouse at 34 and the left-handed Hinks was caught and bowled by Thomas at 46, it seemed a long innings from Cowdrey was called for. No sooner was he in, however than he, drove all around a straight ball of full lenght from Monkhouse. Monkhouse in the morning spell bowled 10 overs for 17 runs and two wickets, scarcely dropping anything short and making the batsmen play all the time.

Woolmer took an hour or so to impose himself but once he did cover drives, flicks off his legs and late cuts flowed from him. He reached 50 out of 95 and his fourth hundred of the season out of 197 in exactly three hours and a half.

Baptiste had his troubles against the offspin off Pocock early on but he has an admirably correct method and he was soon keeping pace with Woolmer. There can be no one who runs faster between the wickets and his driving was refreshingly straight.

At 229 Woolmer slashed Curtis to cover point and at 259 Baptiste, flailing at a bouncer from Clarke, was magnificently caught at full stretch by Richards.

With Waterton and Johnson together the innings ground to a halt, disposing of any chance Kent had of a fourth batting point. After dawdling for 75 minutes and eight runs Waterton was caught at the wicket, a relief as it turned out, for the presence of Ellison eventually galvanised Johnson into some semblance of activity.

KENT: First Innings

R A Woolmer c Lynch b Curtis	120
N R Taylor b Clarke	6
D G Aslett b Monkhouse	8
S G Hinks c and b Thomas	8
*C S Cowdrey b Monkhouse	2
E A Baptiste c Richards b Clarke	91
†S N V Waterton c Richards b Monkhouse	8
G W Johnson not out	46
R M Ellison b Clarke	29
D L Underwood not out	1
Extras (b 1, l-b 16, n-b 7)	24
Total (8 wkts)	343

Score at 100 overs: 274 for 7. K B S Jarvis to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1–13, 2–34, 3–46, 4–52, 5–229, 6–259, 7–272, 8–336.
Bonus points (to date): Kent 3, Surrey 3.
SURREY: A R Butcher, D B Pauline, A J Stewart, *R D V Knight, M A Lynch, †C J Richards, D J Thomas, I J Curtis, G Monkhouse, S T Clarke, P I Pocock.
Umpires: H D Bird and R A Harris.

Lloyd the hero of a whodunnit

By Peter Ball

WORCESTER: Worcestershire, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 116 runs behind Lancashire.

Early yesterday afternoon New Road, Worcester offered a cameo of the quintessential modern English cricketing scene. The sun shone down on the chestnut trees and cathedral overlooking the ground and out in the middle the West Indian batsman, having just reached his fifty, was hammering a young English bowler

It was also a very misleading picture. As every reader of Agatha Christie knows, behind such idyllic scenes there often lurks something nasty.

It was suggested on Tuesday that Roses matches should be played behind closed doors. That sounds extreme, but yesterday – with three honourable exceptions – there was evidence that a three-day break for debriefing was essential. Two of the exceptions were Fairbrother and Abrahams, who have both been in fine form this season.

The third has not been. But yesterday Clive Lloyd, as he has on countless occasions in his 15 years service with the county, held their innings together.

It was an appropriate moment for the club to announce that they have offered him a new two-year contract, as they have their second overseas player the South African left-arm pace bowler, Jeffries.

Once Lloyd departed, sweeping at Patel, Lancashire fell apart, losing their last four wickets to Pridgeon for four runs, giving the bowler an impressive return of five for 21. With some slices of fortune, McEvoy gave Worcestershire a thumping start, but the introduction of Simmons and David Lloyd into the attack suggested that their captain's knock may yet prove to be a decisive one.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

D Lloyd b Ellcock	11
S J O'Shaughnessy c Ellcock b Pridgeon	12
J Abrahams c Neale b Patel	34
*C H Lloyd lbw b Patel	84
D P Hughes b Patel	10
N H Fairbrother lbw b Patel	26
†C Maynard c Humphries b Pridgeon	13
J Simmons lbw b Pridgeon	2
M Watkinson c Patel b Pridgeon	3
P J W Allott lbw b Pridgeon	0
L L McFarlane not out	1
Extras (b 4, l-b 8, n-b 1)	13
Total (80.5 overs)	209

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–16, 2–41, 3–77, 4–110, 5–179, 6–202, 7–205, 8–206, 9–208, 10–209.
BOWLING: Ellcock 12-3-32-1; Pridgeon 15.5-9-21-5; Perryman 8-1-28-0; Patel 27-11-54-4; Illingworth 13-4-43-0; d'Oliveira 5-1-18-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

J A Ormrod c O'Shaughnessy b D Lloyd	30
M S A McEvoy c D Lloyd b Simmons	49
*P A Neale b Simmons	4
A P Pridgeon not out	1
D N Patel not out	8
Extras (b 1)	1
Total (3 wkts, 32 overs)	93

D B d'Oliveira, T S Curtis, †D J Humphries, R K Illingworth, S P Perryman and R M Ellcock to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1–74, 2–84, 3–84.
Bonus points (to date): Worcestershire 4, Lancashire 3.
Umpires: B Leadbeater and R A White.

Middlesex look to Brearley

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 178 runs behind Middlesex.

Mike Brearley, the former England captain, is ready to come out of retirement and play for Middlesex against Lancashire at Old Trafford on Saturday. Middlesex, the championship leaders, struggled to 223 all out against Northamptonshire yesterday. Brearley, aged 41, retired after leading Middlesex to the county championship last season but had a net at Lord's yesterday in preparation for a recall.

Middlesex are without the injured Roland Butcher for the rest of the season and their captain and leading batsman, Mike Gatting, who has been selected by England. A decision about Brearley will be made tomorrow and his place will probably depend on the form of Ellis and Tomlins in the match against Northamptonshire. Ellis made 14 and Tomlins the top score of 49 in Middlesex's total of 223.

Brearley, who is studying to qualify as a psychotherapist, plans to have another net tomorrow to sharpen his reflexes; he has played only four one-day games this summer. "If I play, I will probably bat somewhere in the middle order," he said. "Middlesex approached me about the possibility of playing. I'd always said I'd be ready to play in emergency, but I thought there would be very few times when it would be possible.

"I haven't missed first-class cricket as much as I thought I would, but that was much to do with the beginning of the season when it was so wet and there was so little action."

Middlesex fought back well yesterday after slipping to 74 for five. After their huge score at Chelmsford on Tuesday Middlesex made a poor start, losing their openers with only 14 in the board.

The third wicket produced 40 runs and took the total beyond 50, but three more wickets fell before lunch

Tomlins and Downton arrested the collapse with a stand of 64


Brearley: net at Lord's

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

G D Barlow c and b Kapil Dev	4
W N Slack c Kapil Dev b Mallender	5
C T Radley c Steele b Capel	29
R G P Ellis c Cook b Capel	14
K P Tomlins l-b-w b Steele	49
*J E Emburey st Sharp b Steele	4
†P R Downton b Steele	31
N F Williams c Sharp b Steele	28
K D James b Williams	34
S P Hughes not out	4
W W Daniel b Williams	11
Extras (b 1, l-b 6, n-b 3)	10
Total (95.2 overs)	223

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–5, 2–14, 3–54, 4–69, 5–74, 6–138, 7–145, 8–188, 9–209, 10–223.
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 15-3-31-1; Mallender 20-8-45-1; Griffiths 17-9-27-0; Capel 11-1-35-2; Steele 23-7-46-4; Willey 8-3-22-0; Williams 1.2-0-6-2.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

*G Cook not out	27
W Larkins c James b Daniel	4
P Willey not out	8
Extras (n-b 6)	6
Total (1 wkt, 11 overs)	45

R J Boyd-Moss, R G Williams, Kapil Dev, D J Capel, D S Steele, †G Sharp, N A Mallender and B J Griffiths to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1–5.
Bonus points (to date): Northamptonshire 4, Middlesex 2. Umpires: K Ibadulla and J van Geloven.

Marks on the mark

WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Yorkshire have scored 286 against Somerset.

After a fine start by Boycott (83) and Moxon (55), Yorkshire collapsed but then recovered to reach a total of 286 at Weston-super-Mare. England discard, Marks, took six for 79 in a marathon spell of 44.2 overs for Somerset.

Boycott, hit nine fours and Moxon contributed seven as they put on 139 in 63 overs. Moxon ran himself out and then the Somerset spinners, Marks and Booth took control.

Athey, who batted 29 overs before hitting his first boundray, spent 30 overs scoring 39. Love made 25 runs in 16 overs

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

G Boycott st Gard b Marks	83
M D Moxon run out	55
C W J Athey st Gard b Marks	39
K Sharp b Booth	4
J D Love b Marks	25
†D L Bairstow b Marks	0
P Carrick c Popplewell b Marks	21
G B Stevenson b Dredge	44
I Swallow l-b-w b Dredge	4
S J Dennis not out	4
*R Illingworth c Popplewell b Marks	1
Extras (l-b 5, n-b 1)	6
Total	286

Score at 100 overs: 201 for 5.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1–139, 2–143, 3–148, 4–185, 5–189, 6–217, 7–255, 8–268, 9–281, 10–286.
BOWLING: Davis 10–1–39–0; Dredge 10–5–25–2; Richards 10–3–12–0; Palmer 9–2–31–0; Marks 44.2–24–79–6; Booth 35–11–94–1.
Bonus points (to date): Somerset 2, Yorkshire 2.
Umpires: C T Spencer and A G T Whitehead.

Today's fixtures

Third Test Match (11.0 to 6.00)
LORD'S: England v New Zealand

County Championship (11.0 to 5.30)
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Leicestershire
EBBW VALE: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire
CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire
CANTERBURY: Kent v Surrey
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Middlesex
WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset v Yorkshire
EASTBOURNE: Sussex v Hampshire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Lancashire

TOUR MATCH
JESMOND: Northumberland and Durham young cricketers v Australia young cricketers

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP
Swansea: Glamorgan v Worcestershire; Old Trafford: Lancashire v Leicestershire; Horton: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire; The Oval: Surrey v Kent; Nuneaton: Warwickshire v Gloucestershire

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP
Dunstable: Bedfordshire v Staffordshire; Peterborough: Cambridgeshire v Durham; Bournemouth: Dorset v Somerset II; Bridgnorth: Shropshire v Cornwall; Mildenhall: Suffolk v Northumberland; Devizes: Wiltshire v Oxfordshire.

Davis is better than his best

EBBW VALE: Glamorgan, with seven first innings wickets in hand, are 162 runs behind Nottinghamshire.

The West Indies World Cup personality, Winston Davis, produced his best bowling figures in the county championship as Glamorgan dismissed Nottinghamshire for 245, but it was a "Jekyll and Hyde" performance from the pace man who, in addition to taking seven for 70, bowled a total of 34 no balls.

Davis surpassed his previous best for Glamorgan, seven for 101, also against Notts, at Swansea last year. Only Birch got to grips with the lively Glamorgan bowling.

Saxelby hit back with three for seven in the space of 28 balls as Glamorgan crawled to 83 for three by the close.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

B Hassan c Rowe b Davis	10
R T Robinson c Davies b Selvey	4
D W Randall c Davies b Selvey	10
*C E B Rice b Davis	33
J D Birch b Ontong	88
†B N French b Davis	9
K Saxelby c Ontong b Davis	7
K E Cooper b Davis	10
E E Hemmings b Davis	22
M Hendrick not out	14
P M Such b Davis	1
Extras (b 2, l-b 1, w 3, n-b 31)	37
Total (57.5 overs)	245

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–19, 2–31, 3–40, 4–119, 5–144, 6–156, 7–176, 8–223, 9–243, 10–245.
BOWLING: Davis 22.5-4-70-7; Selvey 15-3-72-2; Ontong 15-2-38-1; Barwick 5-0-28-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

J A Hopkins c Robinson b Saxelby	29
D A Francis b Saxelby	10
R C Ontong lbw b Saxelby	4
C J C Rowe not out	24
H Morris not out	13
Extras (l b 2, w 1)	3
Total (3 wkts, 35 overs)	83

S P Henderson, A L Jones, †T Davies, *M W W Selvey, S R Barwick and W W Davis to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1–31, 2–39, 3–48.
Bonus points (to date): Glamorgan 4, Nottinghamshire 3.
Umpires: C Cook and R Julian.

Army capture services title

By beating the Royal Navy by four wickets at Portsmouth yesterday the Army became the 1983 interservices champions after their easy victory over the RAF on Monday. The Navy batted first and scored 201 for seven with Robinson almost carrying his bat, though never injecting much urgency into the batting. The Army looked to be coasting to an easy victory but there were a few alarms at the end before they won in the fifty-fourth over.

SCORES: RAF 131 (Wills 3 for 40); Army 132 for 4 (Lerwill 36); Royal Navy 164 for 5 (Robinson 71 not out); RAF 158 for 9 (DeCaires 40, Bowden 3 for 23). Royal Navy 201 for 7 (Robinson 93, Bolus 3 for 46); Army 204 for 6 (Dean 61, Clark 51).

Phillip and Davidson cut through

CHELMSFORD: Leicestershire have scored 301 against Essex.

Norbert Phillip and Brian Davison shared the honours as Leicestershire were bowled out yesterday. Phillip, who has been kept out of the side recently by Neil Foster, announced his recall with a performance of six for 92 from 33 overs.

With Foster away with the England party, the West Indian fast bowler showed he is still a lively propostion, particularly in one spell soon after lunch when he took three for 11 in 17 balls.

This left Leicestershire with half their side back in the pavilion for 122 but they were revived by Davison. With a mixture of sound defence and controlled aggression, he struck 106, his second century of the summer, with the help of 12 fours during a stay of four and a quarter hours.

But he, too, fell to Phillip, as did Briers, the only other Leicestershire batsman to perform with any authority. He made 58, an innings which included eight boundaries.

Leicestershire overcame the early loss of Butcher to reach 50 without further worry. Butcher fell leg-before to Lever in the third over

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

J C Balderstone l-b-w b Phillip	25
I P Butcher l-b-w b Lever	1
N E Briers l-b-w b Phillip	58
B F Davison b Phillip	106
J J Whitaker c D E East b Phillip	0
P B Clift l-b-w b Phillip	2
*†R W Tolchard c R E East b Turner	20
J F Steele c Hardie b Acfield	13
N G B Cook b Phillip	14
L B Taylor b R E East	22
G Ferris not out	10
Extras (b 1, l-b 17, n-b 12)	30
Total	301

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–2, 2–73, 3–106, 4–106, 5–122, 6–157, 7–222, 8–261, 9–272, 10–301.
BOWLING: Lever 13–3–34–1; Phillip 33–9–92–6; Turner 20–3–48–1; R E East 8.4–2–27–1; Acfield 28–9–70–1.
Bonus points (to date): Essex 4, Leicestershire 3.
ESSEX: G A Gooch, C Gladwin, *K W R Fletcher, K S McEwan, B R Hardie, N Phillip, S Turner, †D E East, R E East, J K Lever, D L Acfield.
Umpires: D O Oslear and M J Kitchen.

SECOND XI COMPETITION
NUNEATON: Gloucestershire 182 (P A Smith 4 for 50); Warwickshire 140 for 3 (G J Lord 40 not out).
THE OVAL: Kent 213 (I R Payne 4 for 43, P Marks 4 for 49); Surrey 81 for 2.
HORTON: Nottinghamshire 369 for 7 dec (P Johnson 181, D W White 83; Northamptonshire 28 for 0.
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire 358 (N V Radford 60, I Cockbain 85, S M N Zaidi 55, M Chadwick 54); Leicestershire 61 for 2.

MINOR COUNTIES
MILDENHALL: Suffolk 201 for 5 dec (Wasim Raja 4 for 78) and 14 for 0; Northumberland 203 for 2 dec (Wasim Raja 115 not out, K Pearson 78 not out).
DEVIZES: Oxfordshire 208 (P J Garner 63; A Barnes 6 for 54); Wiltshire 130 for 5 (J Rice 68).
BOURNEMOUTH: Dorset 184 for 3 dec and 30 for 1; Somerset II 185 for 6 dec (P A Slocombe 73 not out).

RACING RESULTS

Salisbury

Going: Good to firm

2.0 AMPORT STAKES (2-y-o: maidens: £1,335: 5f)
CUTLERS CORNER ch f by Sharpen Up–Solar (Mrs A Kennard) 8-11 G Starkey (5-4 fav) 1
His Dream .... J Reid (9-2) 2
Ascot Strike .... J Mercer (8-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £1.90. Places: £1.10, £1.50, £2.40. DF: £3.40. CSF: £7.49. W Whiteman at Upham. hd, 4l. Aboundi (6-1) 4th. 12 ran. 1m 01.17sec.

2.30 HARE WARREN HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,899: 6f)
GUNTRIPS CENTENERY br c by Mandado–Bantam (W Murphy) 1-13 .... R Fox (6-1) 1
Stareco .... T Williams (10-1) 2
Isnore .... P Cook (4-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £7.20. Places: £2.70, £3.50, £1.80. DF: £80.40. CSF: £59.48. G Hunter at East Ilsley. hd, ½l. Tarifa (3-1 fav) 4th. 10 ran. 1m 13.54sec

3.00 ROCKBOURNE STAKES (2-y-o: £3,149: 6f)
RIO RIVA b c by Wollow– Elton Abbess (W Gaff) 8-10 .... T Quinn (8-1) 1
Keep Tapping .... S Cauthen (5-2) 2
Sir Humpherson .... G Starkey (F2-1 fav) 3
TOTE: Win: £5.00. Places: £1.50, £1.10, £1.60. DF: £3.20. CSF: £25.81. D Laing at Lambourn. 5l, 4l. Count Bertrand (9-1) 4th. 13 ran. 1m 13.74sec. nr: Hampton Walk. Keep Tapping fin 1st disq. plcd 2nd.

3.30 LESTER HANDICAP (£1,797: 1m 2f)
RANGEFINDER ch c by On Your Mark – Battling Bessie (S Digby) 3-8-11 S Cauthen (9-2) 1
Maintop .... Pat Eddery (12-1) 2
Stratford Place .... G Baxter (25-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £4.10. Places: £2.40, £2.70, £6.90. DF: £41.40. CSF: £53.65. Tricast: 1,111.16. B Hills at Lambourn. 2l, 1½l. Both Ends Burning (9-4 fav), Linkfighter (11-4) 4th. 11 ran. 2m 06.45sec. NR: Raffio.

4.0 BOURNEMOUTH HANDICAP (£1,925: 7f)
ALDERN STREAM gr f, by Godswalk – Betsy Ross (Sir E Beck) 3-8-10 Pat Eddery (15-2) 1
One Degree .... P Cook (5-1) 2
Emaad .... A McGlone (6-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £8.30. Places: £1.80, £1.50, £1.30. DF: £19.20. CSF: £40.66. G Wragg at Newmarket. Nk, 1l. Manchester sky train, Susan's Sunset 9-2 jt-favs. Top of the mark (20-1) 4th. 8 ran. 1m 28.12s.

4.30 MANTON STAKES (3-y-o: £1,389: 1m 4f)
ASIR b c, by High Top – Twelve O'Clock (Yazid and Ahmed Ltd) 8-10 G Starkey (11-2) 1
Aylesfield .... Pat Eddery (8-4) 2
Boyne .... J Mercer (7-2) 3
TOTE: Win: £7.70. Places: £1.50, £1.40. DF: £11.40. CSF: £16.45. G Harwood at Pulborough. 3l, 5l. Spanish Cavalier (15-8 fav) 4th. 5 ran. 2m 38.43s.

JACKPOT not won. Pool of £45,878.05 carried forward. PLACEPOT: £110.80.

Catterick Bridge

Going: Firm

2.15 STOCKWELL STAKES (2-y-o: maidens: £828: 1m 4f 40yd)
HAUTE HAT b f by Exclusive Native– Lady Marguery (H Noonan) 8-11 .... J Lowe (7-2) 1
Kwa Zulu .... G Duffield (7-2) 2
Halyard .... M Fry (3-1 fav) 3
TOTE: Win: £3.40. Places: £1.10, £1.30, £1.20. DF: £6.90. CSF: £15.52. S Norton at Barnsley. ½, l, 1½. Endow (6-1) 4th 8 ran.

2.45 TILTON HOUSE STAKES (3-y-o: selling: £747: 1m 5f 180yds)
AVENITA LADY b f by Free State – Square Note (G Canner) 8-4 .... S Jewell (6-1) 1
Anniversary Token .... S Perks (12-1) 2
Solar Temptress .... G Duffield (11-2) 3
TOTE: Win: £4.60. Places: £2.10, £2.80, £1.80. DF: £15.80. CSF: £64.01. R Sheather at Newmarket. 2 l, 7 l. Heidigvis (9-4 fav) 4th 10 ran. Bought for 1,700gns.

3.15 TURN TO YORKSHIRE HANDICAP (£1,341: 7f)
SPOILT FOR CHOICE b g by The Brianstan – Song of May (W Chapman) 5-8-10 D Nicholls (5-2) 1
Miss Prudent .... N Connorton (8-1) 2
Princess Virginia .... S Perks (9-4 jt fav 3
TOTE: Win: £2.30. Places: £1.60, £2.30. DF: £8.80. CSF: £17.48. D Chapman at Stillington. 2 l, ½ l. Royal Export (3-4 jt fav) Little Atom (11-1) 4th. 5 ran.

3.45 JACK COLLING HANDICAP (Apprentices: £858: 1m 4f 40yd)
BARAZI ch c by Sallust– Tazeem (J Upson) 4-9-4 .... T Jarvis (11-10) 1
Firm Evaluation .... K Williams (4-6 Fav) 2
La Conga .... S Griffiths (100-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £1.90. DF: £1.10. CSF: £2.12. A Jarvis at Royston. 20l, 15l. Snap Tin (100-1) 4th 4 ran.

4.15 NEWBY PARK HANDICAP (3-y-o: £972: 1m 5f 180yd)
FIORENZO b g by Filiberto– Gulletta (Lady Durham) 8-13 .... J Lowe (Evens Fav) 1
Orange Blossom .... M Wood (4-1) 2
Perovskia .... E Hide (9-2) 3
TOTE: Win: £1.80. Places: £1.10, £2.20. DF: £3.30. CSF: £5.01. M Camacho at Malton. 1½l, 2½l. Love Of A Gunner (8-1) 4th 5 ran.

4.45 PADDOCK HOUSE STAKES (2-y-o: maiden fillies: £828: 5f)
MELAURA BELLE br f by Meldrum– Aur (Maj P Bell) 8-11 .... S Webster (2-1 jt Fav) 1
Sascerole .... G Duffield (11-1) 2
C B M Girl .... C Dwyer (10-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £3.10. Places: £1.10, £2.90, £4.10. DF: £15.00. CSF: £25.29. T Barron at Thirsk. 3l, 4l. Clay Pigeon (11-2) 4th. Alshandegha (2-1 jt fav). 12 ran. NR: Ribobelle.

5.15 MIDDLEBROOK MUSHROOM TRAINERS RACE (5f)
FINAL CAST b f by Saulingo – Speyside (D Chapman) 4-11-4 .... N Tinkler (14-1) 1
Touch Boy .... J Berry (7-9 fav) 2
Sparkling Form .... R Whitaker (10-1) 3
TOTE: Win: £15.80. Places: £2.80, £1.00. £2.70. DF: £4.10. CSF: £18.06. D Chapman at Stillington. Sh.hd, 7l. Krugerama (33-1) 4th. 9 ran. PLACEPOT: £71.20.

Fontwell Park

2.0: 1, Gold Intey (4-6 fav); 2, Bad Habits (4-1); 3, Lady Oryx (8-1). 8 ran.
2.30: 1, Henry Ford (11-2); 2, Lucknow (15-8 fav); 3, Irish Pageant (33-1). 8 ran.
3.0: 1, Retsel (4-1 jt fav); 2, City Link Express (4-1 jt fav); 3, Super Brat (20-1). 9 ran. Tangura (4-1 jt fav).
3.30: 1, Wicklow Star (11-4 jt fav); 2, Crown Land (11-4 jt fav); 3, Green Table (33-1). 12 ran.
4.0: 1, Zelda's Fancy (15-8 fav); 2, White Heron (14-1); 3, Mister Cool (5-2). 6 ran.
4.30: 1, Breac Ban (12-1); 2, Petworth Park (7-2); 3, Kyoto (4-1). 12 ran. Twice As Fresh (3-1 fav).

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Ill luck again grounds Meade

By Jenny MacArthur

Richard Meade, the winner of three Olympic gold medals, is out of Britain's teamfor next week's European three-day event championships in Switzerland. His ride, George Wimpey Ltd's Kilcashel, bruised a foot after losing a shoe during dressage practice with Ferdi Eilberg. The injury is slight but the selectors cannot afford to take to Switzerland any horse less than 100 per cent fit.

Meade's disappointment is Britain's major setback. His experience in three-day eventing is second to none; he has been the team's backbone almost since he first represented Britain in 1963.

Kilcashel's misfortune is the latest in a series which have befallen Meade this year. In April he had no ride at Badminton as Kilcashel was resting after being hobdayed in the spring; and Speculator, his second string, had been retired just before the trials at the age of 15.

A month later Meade fell badly while jumping for the benefit of television cameras at the Chepstow Horse Trials and was grounded for six weeks. Meade, who is 44, is hoping that Kilcashel will be fit for the Burghley Horse Trials next month.

Lucinda Green, the world champion, heads the team of four who will be defending Britain's European title at Frauenfeld in Switzerland. She rides SR Direct Mail Ltd's Regal Realm. Her fellow team members are Virginia Holgate on British National Insurance's Night Cap, Diana Clapham on the Hon Simon Fraser's Windjammer and Michael Tucker on his own General Bugle.

Tucker, who came second at Badminton, is the new face in the team; the other three represented Britain at last year's world championships in which the team won the gold medal (Miss Clapham rode as an individual). Tucker's General Bugle, the 17-hand son of Spartan General, has great scope and at eight, the selectors will be keeping an eye on him with a view to next year's Olympics.

The two individual riders next week are Lorna Clarke with her own and McNicholas Engineering's Danville and Rachel Bayliss with her own Mystic Minstrel.



Meade: disappointed

Irish likely to be the main danger

By a Special Correspondent

Thirteen nations will be competing in the European junior show jumping championship, sponsored by Canon/Spillers, which begin today at Thorpe Park, Surrey. It is the first time since 1978 that Britain has hosted the annual championships, open to riders between the ages of 14 and 18, and the home crowd will have a strong team to support.

Ther chosen British riders are Philip Heffer, Dawn Cartwright, Iain Morgan, Matthew Lanni and Amanda Gaskell. The first four were in the team that won the Nations Cup in last month's French Junior International in Normandy, providing that they are in fine form.

The Irish were second on that occasion and they again seem likely to prove the main danger in the team championship, which was won by the French last year.

The meeting starts with two warm-up classes today, the qualifier for the individual championship tomorrow and the team championship on Saturday. The individuals' final will be on Sunday, when British riders will be aiming for a fifth consecutive gold medal.

Ireland have a strong contender for the individual title in Vincent Burke on Good Brew, who jumped the only double clear of the Nations Cup in Normandy. Thomas Duggan, also from Ireland, has been going well with Paul Darragh's old partner, the mare Heather Honey.

IN BRIEF

GYMNASTICS: The British Gymnastics Association become one of the first sports to bolster its 1984 Olympic Games fund with a deal worth £25,000 which will help train Britain's gymnasts for Los Angeles. The financial help will come from Harrison Drape, the curtain track manufacturer, who are in the second of a three-year sponsorship for the British Schools' championships to be held next year at Crystal Palace from March 24 to 25.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Steve Martin, the Australian international three-quarter will play for Leeds this season if the ban on international signings between Britain and Australia is lifted. Martin toured Britain with Australia in 1978.

Blackpool Borough are expecting two promising Australians to join them. Michael Street, a 23-year-old second row forward and Paul Grob, also 23, a full back or stand-off half, who play for western suburbs, Newcastle, New South Wales.

RACING: DERBY WINNERS IMPRESS ON THE NEWMARKET GALLOPS

Shareef Dancer in step for York showpiece

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Shareef Dancer, the easy winner of the Irish Derby at the Curragh, booked his ticket for the Benson and Hedges Gold Cup at York next week by doing a brilliant gallop on the Limekilns at Newmarket yesterday morning. His reappearance had been in some doubt following a very disappointing work out on the July race course at Newmarket on Saturday after racing.

"I was very impressed with him yesterday. You would not think you were looking at the same horse," was how George Robinson, our Newmarket correspondent, summarised Shareef Dancer's latest gallop. Ridden by Cliff Lines, one of the most experienced work riders in racing, Shareef Dancer showed all his old dash and quickened to go right away from Electric and Karadar towards the end of his workout which was over nine furlongs.

Teenoso, the winner of our Derby, was another big name seen in action on the Limekilns yesterday morning. Ridden by Lester Piggott, he too went nicely in company with the Mecca-dante Stakes winner, Hot Touch, in preparation for the Great Voltigeur Stakes next week.

After a short suspension, incurred riding Vanarme at Goodwood, Piggott resumes riding at Salisbury today and he should win the Amesbury Stakes for Henry Cecil on Magnetic Field who won a handicap at Goodwood with 9st 2lb on his back. But earlier in the day Piggott's attempt to win the Upavon Stakes for the same stable on Honeybeta could easily be foiled by Really Regal.

With three victories to her name Honeybeta is clearly useful, yet she should not be up to conceding 16lb to Really Regal who shaped with so much promise behind Gaygo Lady and Magdalena at Sandown in May.

Piggott will also be on the recent Ascot winner Harvard in the Simonds Bitter Stakes which has been sponsored by Courage Ltd, but here I prefer Raft, the colt who upset the calculations of those who thought that Beldale Lear was a certainty to win at Newmarket at the end of last month, following a highly encouraging effort behind Elegant Air there earlier in the month.

Morgan's Choice, my selection for the Violet Applin Challenge Cup, has taken on a new lease of life at the age of six and won his last four races, the Goodwood Stakes among them.

Finally, news of another who has definitely run his last run. Buzzards Bay, the winner of the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes and the Royal Hunt Cup at York, is to retire to the Sturt Farms Stud near Burford in Oxfordshire. He is being partially syndicated and a limited number of shares will soon be put on the market at £3,000. Bibi Mah, his grand dam, has already bred one good racehorse, Jukebox, who also made his name as a stallion.



Shareef Dancer a definite Benson & Hedges runner

Battle to be renewed

Habiti and Soba, who fought out the finish of the July Cup, are set to renew their battle in the William Hill Sprint Championship at York next week. The sponsors make Habiti 2-1 favourite with Soba next best at 9-4. The Kings Stand winner Sayf-El-Arab is quoted at 11-4.

● The Allen Jarvis trained Saraziyr, ridden by his son Tim had a runaway success in the Jack Colling Memorial Apprentice Handicap, beating the odds-on Firm Evaluation by 20 lengths.

● Gavin Pritchard-Gordon has booked George Duffield again to ride the Sussex Stakes winner Noalcoholic in the Group 1 Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville next Sunday.

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Salisbury

Draw advantage: High numbers best.

2.0 UPAVON STAKES (3-Y-O Fillies: £1,836: 1m 2f) (7 runners)

101 01011 HONEYBETA (L Freedman) H Cecil 9-5 — L Piggott 5
106 214 FAYETTE (D) (F Sahadi) P Cole 8-12 — T Quinn 5 3
108 00 FEUTERSOEY (M Simmonds) P M Taylor 8-3 — – 1
110 000-006 HAPPY WONDER (Mrs M Hunt) D Elsworth 8-3 — S Rouse 4
112 03 JHANSI KI RANI (Essal Commodities) G Lewis 8-3 — G Sexton 6
115 4 REALLY REGAL (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-3 — J Mercer 7
119 0-002 WILLOWBED (Sir R Cohen) J Dunlop 8-3 — Pat Eddery 2

15-8 Honeybeta, 9-4 Really Regal, 5 Fayette, 8 Willowbed, 12 Jhansi Ki Rani, 25 others.

2.30 RADIO SOLENT HANDICAP (Apprentices: £1,478: 1m) (14)

201 4-34000 AQABA PRINCE (R Popely) R Howe 3-9-10 — – 3
203 00292-0 GOING GOING (H Candy) H Candy 4-9-4 — P Mann 6 9
205 3230-21 NORROY (CD) (C Cann) D Elsworth 6-9-0 — S Keightley 3 14
208 00-2000 LAUTREC (D) (P Carter) P M Taylor 5-8-12 — – 5
209 00-030 BOLD MANEUVER (R Rosso) M Francis 3-8-11 — S Rutherford 3 1
211 03-0000 CHADS GAMBLE (Mrs D Marsh) J Bethell 8-8-9 — S Derham 6 10
212 0-0000 RUBABAY (D Anderson) H Candy 3-8-8 — T Williams 6 11
213 00-0001 HODAKA (B) (D) (I Walker) I Walker 6-8-8 (5 ex) — S Jewell 2
214 00-4020 SASHAMEL (Mrs D Payne) R Hodges 4-8-7 — W Woods 4
216 00-3432 BE ON TIME (B) (L Sainer) P Walwyn 3-8-5 — M Rogan 6 8
217 000018 ACHUSHLA MACREE (B) (D) (R Houghton) R Houghton 5-8-5 — P Haines 6 7
221 0-04044 MAGIC MINK (B) (S Marks) R Hollier 3-8-2 — M Moseley 3 13
222 00-04 HELLO CAMPERS (F Bowness) S Mellor 3-8-1 — D Brown 3 6
223 0-00000 KATE KIMBERLEY (A Barraclough) M Usher 4-7-13 — N Adams 3 12

5-2 Norroy, 4 Hodaka, 9-2 Be On Time, 7 Hello Campers, 8 Magic Mink, 14 others.

3.0 SIMONDS BITTER STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,782: 7f) (16)

301 0011 FALSTAFF (D) (Ld Porchester) W Hern 9-4 — J Mercer 14
302 3431 HARVARD (D) (P Meredew) R Boss 9-4 — L Piggott 6
304 1 RAFT (D) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-2 — G Starkey 7
306 100 LADY PRETENDER (J Watson) M McCourt 8-13 — W Newnes 2
309 00 ANCIENT MARINER (R Crutchley) R Houghton 8-8 — J Reid 1
311 BENTY HEATH (Exors of late J Beausire) J Bethell 8-8 — J Matthias 12
313 0 CORALLIAN (T Kane) C Wildman 8-8 — D Dineley 3
316 GREAT WESTERN (A Struthers) J Dunlop 8-8 — T Ives 13
318 3 LORD BUTCH (G Herridge) J Dunlop 8-8 — B Rouse 16
320 MAN O'MAGIC (T Waterman) D Sasse 8-8 — D Mckay 11
321 1400 RUNNING PRINCESS (R Bonnycastle) B Hills 8-8 — S Cauthen 5
323 03 THA (J Querbes III) M Jarvis 8-8 — Pat Eddery 9
324 A LITTLE MORE (C Godden) R Smyth 8-5 — R Fox 10
326 0 BLUE WONDER (Mrs M Hunt) D Elsworth 8-5 — – 15
327 BROKEN CHORD (A Bigley) D Elsworth 8-5 — A McGlone 3 4
328 0 THISTLEFIELD (C Hill) C Hill 8-5 — G Sexton 8

11-4 Raft, 9-2 Harvard, 11-2 Falstaff, 8 Lord Butch, 12 Lady Pretender, 14 Great Western, 20 Tha, 25 others.

3.30 VIOLET APPLIN CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap: £1,764: 1m 6f) (6)

401 101111 MORGANS CHOICE (CD) (C Hill) C Hill 5-10-4 (6 ex) — Pat Eddery 3
402 322-003 LEODEGRANCE (CD) (Miss K Bernard) C Nelson 7-8-9 — R Weaver 6
403 442000 CADDAGAT (Miss P Lovell-Smith) D Sasse 3-7-12 — A McGlone 3 2
404 23-0000 MARLEYCOMBE HILL (Mrs R Kennard) W Wightman 4-7-12 — M Hills 3 5
405 000414 ROCKETONE (R Gibbons) C Benstead 5-7-9 — D Mckay 4
406 000 NESTOR MAN (Mrs J Marks) G Balding 3-7-7 — A Geran 7 1

4-5 Morgans Choice, 9-4 Leodegrance, 10 Rocketone, 20 Caddagat, 25 others.

4.0 OGBOURNE HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £1,862: 6f) (8)

501 0 CAUTIOUS STYLE (F Sahadi) P Cole 9-7 — L Piggott 2
502 301200 HOLT ROW (G Cooke) M McCormack 9-6 — S Cauthen 6
504 1 RUSE (K Abdulla) R Smyth 9-5 — G Starkey 5
505 10 ROSE-LOVER (C) (H Oppenheimer) H Candy 9-5 — W Newnes 4
506 00212 THRONE OF GLORY (D) (Capt M Lemos) F Durr 9-4 — P Robinson 1
507 201344 CLASSICAL VINTAGE (C) (I Hodgkiss) R Hannon 9-0 — Pat Eddery 8
508 210 MY CHARADE (T McCarthy) Mrs B Waring 8-11 — R Fox 7
510 40013 FLEETWOOD GIRL (D) (Mrs S Bendall) M Blanshard 7-7 — A McGlone 3 3

Throne Of Glory, 7-2 Ruse, 9-2 Classical Vintage, 8 Cautious Style, 12 Rose Lover, 16 others.

4.30 AMESBURY STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,583: 1m) (18)

601 12-41 MAGNETIC FIELD (D) (M Fustok) H Cecil 9-4 — L Piggott 17
604 240-031 SILK SASH (CD) (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 9-4 — J Mercer 16
609 0-3 JACK RAMSEY (M Stewkesbury) M McCormack 8-11 — R Wooldard 7
610 00 ROIPAUL (D Baker) S Matthews 8-11 — – 2
611 000 SLEEPLINE SANDMAN (Sleepline Holdings) S Matthews 8-11 — I Johnson 11
612 000300 SON OF RAJA (Mrs I Peters) J Bethell 8-11 — B Rouse 8
213 0-00 SWELL SOUND (D Freeman) M McCormack 8-11 — G Ramshaw 12
614 0 TORRIDGE CROSSING (C Hill) C Hill 8-11 — G Sexton 6
615 4 BALLY (Duke of Devonshire) J Tolller 8-8 — T Ives 18
616 BLOWING BUBBLES (Mrs J Jackson) R Howe 8-8 — B Jago 3
618 0-00000 EMMA'S STAR (E Gadsden) M Blanshard 8-8 — A McGlone 3 5
620 0 FLATTERY'S CAP (P Devoy) Peter Taylor 8-8 — – 14
621 000 GAY TARA (Mrs A Wetzel) B Swift 8-8 — R Fox 9
622 4-00000 METUCHEN (B) (Mrs G Steinberg) D Elsworth 8-8 — J Matthias 10
623 MONACO LADY (Mrs J Yarnold) C Nelson 8-8 — S Cauthen 13
625 0-0 ROMANTIKI (Hesmonds Stud) H Candy 8-8 — W Newnes 15
626 0 SPEED UP (Duke of Marlborough) J Tree 8-8 — Pat Eddery 1
627 0 WEST ASHLING (V Edwards) P Haynes 8-8 — N Dawe 5 4

11-10 Magnetic Field, 7-2 Silk Sash, 8 Bally, 12 Jack Ramsey, 20 Romantiki, 33 others.

Salisbury selections

By Michael Phillips

2.0 Really Regal. 2.30 Beyond Time. 3.0 Raft. 3.30 Morgans Choice. 4.0 Cautious Style. 4.30 Magnetic Field.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Honeybeta. 2.30 Hodaka. 3.0 Harvard. 4.0 Throne Of Glory. 4.30 Magnetic Field.

Cauthen faces eight-day ban

By Michael Phillips

Steve Cauthen became the latest jockey to be given a suspension when he was banned for eight days by the stewards at Salisbury yesterday, on account of his riding of Keep Tapping in the Rockbourne Stakes. This followed an objection by Terry Quinn, the apprentice on the runner-up Rio Riva, who was beaten by a short head. Quinn complained that Keep Tapping had bumped his mount inside the final furlong.

Having watched the camera patrol film of the race, taken from both head-on and the side, the conclusion was that the stewards had no option but to take the action they did. Keep Tapping had hung persistently to his left throughout the final furlong; and all the while, Cauthen had his whip in his right hand. He appeared to make no visible attempt to straighten Keep Tapping. When the two horses touched, Quinn was in the process of changing his whip, and it was knocked from his right hand.

Cauthen said later that he will consider seriously appealing against the eight-day sentence to the Jockey Club's disciplinary stewards. Unless an appeal is upheld, his sentence, which is the minimum that he could have been given for careless riding, considering that it was his second offence of the season, will run from August 19 to 26. Last month, the young American was stood down for 12 days for reckless riding in the Bunbury Cup at Newmarket.

With York close to hand, Rio Riva's good run was a timely reminder that Al Mamoon will be a tough nut to crack in the Gimcrack Stakes, for he thrashed Rio Riva by five lengths at Ripon recently.

Keep Tapping's disqualification brought to a temporary end Barry Hills' good recent run. I say, temporarily, because he and Cauthen wasted no time in bouncing back by winning the next race, the H. S. Lester Memorial Cup, with Rangefinder.

Finally, the day's actual riding honours went to Greville Starkey, who excelled in both the first and last races, on Cutler's Corner and Asir.

● Tony Murray, who has been on the sidelines with stomach trouble, resumes at Newbury next Saturday on the David Nicholson-trained Balanchine in the £30,000 Geoffrey Freer Stakes.

STATE OF GOING: Salisbury: Good to firm. Catterick: Firm. Newton Abbot: Firm. Tomorrow Newbury: Good to firm. Haydock: Firm. Plumpton: Hard.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Park Hill Stakes Doncaster: Marquause, Special Display, Flame of Tara. Laurent Perrier Champagne Stakes Doncaster: All Flash. All engagements (dead): Ha'way Geordie, Princetown, Adamatic, The Mummer and Yaleel.

BLINKERS FIRST TIME: Catterick: 6.30 Holme River. 6.55 Greed, Kelly's Star. 8.25 Blakey Bank.

Catterick Bridge

Draw advantage: low numbers best

6.0 'R.A.F.A.' STAKES (£828: 1m 5f 180yd) (4 runners)

9 021 FAROOR F Durr 3-8-5 — A Weiss 7 1
10 -2311 KAPRIELIAN M Stoute 3-8-5 — W R Swinburn 3
13 0111 DETENTE (C) P Kelleway 3-8-2 — Gay Kelleway 7 2
17 1 SHAWNEE (C) H Cecil 3-8-2 — N Day 4

9-4 Shawnee, 5-2 Kaprielian, 3 Detente, Faroor.

6.30 'JET PROVOST' STAKES (2-y-o selling: £777: 7f) (10)

1 000 BRIAN MARK M W Easterby 8-11 — M Birch 10
2 BRIGHT FOLLY N Tinkler 8-11 — G Oldroyd 1
4 0094 DANDY AL R J Williams 8-11 — R Cochrane 2
5 0003 QUARRYMAN W C Watts 8-11 — M Wood 5
6 002 WOODPECKER BOY K Stone 8-11 — C Dwyer 7
7 0000 ARATI A Smith 8-8 — N Connorton 4
8 0120 FOLLOW THAT CAB P Felgate 8-8 — Gay Kelleway 7 8
9 004 HOLME RIVER (B) W Bentley 8-8 — D Nicholls 3
10 00 RILK N Chamberlain 8-8 — G Sheets 9
11 30 SHAMROCK PRINCESS D Morley 8-8 — G Duffield 6

9-4 Shamrock Princess, 3 Dandy Al, 9-2 Woodpecker Boy, 6 Quarryman, 7 Holme River, 10 Brian Mark, 16 others.

6.55 'R.A.F LEEMING' HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,634: 6f) (7)

3 0312 GREED (CB) D Morley 9-7 — G Duffield 1
4 1403 BURBRIDGE DANCER (D) N Tinkler 9-6 — – 3
5 034 SALLY CHASE A Jarvis 9-1 — B Clements 4
6 3000 LITTLE MISS HORNER G Harman 9-0 — N Carlisle 3 2
7 1123 BLACKPOOL BELLE J Berry 8-13 — S Horsfall 7 5
9 0404 VIDEO BOOM R Hollinshead 8-10 — S Perks 7
10 3403 KELLY'S STAR (B) P Haslam 8-9 — M Kettle 6

11-4 Greed, 7-2 Sally Chase, 4 Burbridge Dancer, 5 Blackpool Belle, 7 Kelly's Star, 10 Video Boom, 16 Little Miss Horner.

7.25 'WINGS' STAKES (2-y-o maidens: £828: 7f) (13)

4 0 BON HOMMAGE M Stoute 9-0 — – 12
6 EMPIRIC W C Watts 9-0 — M Wood 9
7 3 FARHOOD Thomson Jones 9-0 — R Hills 3 1
12 0 GREEN MIST A Jarvis 9-0 — B Clements 10
13 23 GUY'S GOLD M Prescott 9-0 — G Duffield 4
16 300 MAJOR DECISION M H Easterby 9-0 — M Birch 3
17 00 OWEN JOSEPH M Jarvis 9-0 — E Hide 6
19 03 RIHAB M Stoute 9-0 — W R Swinburn 5
29 000 LADY OF SHONA P Felgate 9-0 — D Nicholls 11
30 009 MATCHROOM D Morris 8-11 — Paul Eddery 8
31 000 MOBERRY J Etherington 8-11 — J Seagrave 13
32 RACHELS GIRL W Wharton 8-11 — J Lowe 7
34 000 SPRINGLE R Hollinshead 8-11 — S Perks 2

7-4 Rihab, 7-2 Farhood, 4 Guy's Gold, 6 Bon Hommage, 8 Major Decision, 10 Owen Joseph, 16 others.

7.55 CENTRAL FLYING SCHOOL HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,052: 6f) (9)

3 3430 KYNASTON (D) J Barry 9-7 — G Duffield 5
4 4000 GRADILLE (DB) R Houghton 9-5 — K Darley 4
5 0100 GODOLPHIN (B) M W Easterby 9-2 — M Birch 2
6 1042 OFF YOUR MARK (D) J McNaughton 9-0 — L Charnock 1
7 0000 FAIR MADAME (CDB) C Booth 8-12 — G Oldroyd 6
9 0-000 LAGSKONA D Morrill 8-4 — Paul Eddery 8
10 0000 ARRAS LASS A Smith 8-2 — N Connorton 9
11 3030 RAPID LADY Mrs M Nesbitt 8-1 — M Wood 3
12 0000 TABASCO STAR D Chapman 7-9 — S Horsfall 7 7

9-4 Godolphin, 3 Kynaston, 4 Off Your Mark, 5 Gradille, 8 Fair Madame, 10 Rapid Lady, 16 others.

8.25 'R.A.F. CATTERICK' HANDICAP (£1,046: 1m 7f 180yd) (11)

1 4012 SKYRAM (C) D Morley 4-9-10 — G Duffield 8
2 1210 BEAN BOY (D) Denys Smith 5-9-1 — M Fry 3 11
3 0304 APPLE WINE D Chapman 8-9-0 — D Nicholls 3
4 0140 LIBERTY WALK (CD) H Wharton 4-8-11 — M Fozzard 7 1
6 0244 LUXURY (CD) E Carr 4-8-10 — M Birch 5
7 4400 BLAKEY BANK (CB) Hbt Jones 4-8-7 — E Hide 6
8 1430 AMBER VALE D Chapman 6-8-0 — S Horsfall 7 10
9 3343 LINE ABREAST S Norton 4-7-11 — J Lowe 7
11 0002 SUMMER PATH (CD) M Camacho 6-7-7 — A Nesbitt 3 2
12 4433 RIBBLE ROUSER (CD) W C Watts 10-7-7 — M Wood 9
13 /000- GALA LAD N Bycroft 9-7-7 — M Richardson 7 4

11-4 Bean Boy, 7-2 Skyram, 6 Luxury, 7 Liberty Walk, 8 Apple Wine, 10 Amber Vale, 12 Line Abreast, 14 Summer Path, 16 others.

Catterick selections

By Our Racing Staff

6.0 Shawnee. 6.30 Dandy Al. 6.55 Greed. 7.25 Farhood. 7.55 Godolphin. 8.25 Line Abreast.

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6.0 Detente. 6.30 Dandy Al. 6.55 Kelly's Star. 7.25 Rihab.

Newton Abbot

2.15 ERNE HURDLE (3-y-o novices: £678: 2m 150yd) (5)

1 1 BROWN SHADOW (CD) M Pipe 10-12 — P Leach
4 43 GALLIUM (B) J Jenkins 10-7 — J Francome
9 f4 TYPESET J Baker 10-7 — J Williams
10 JARB D Wintle 10-2 — R Hyett
11 MISS BLACK GLAMA S May 10-2 — S May

Evens Brown Shadow, 7-2 Gallium, 5 Typeset, 15-2 Miss Black Glama, 14 Jarb.

2.45 TORRIDGE CHASE (novices: £2,047: 2m 150yd) (10)

1 0pp0- CURTIS HOUSE N Ayliffe 7-11-7 — M Ayliffe 4
2 p00-p DAN DARE O Henley 8-11-7 — W Worthington 7
3 340p- FOUR OF A KIND J Bukovets 7-11-7 — S Smith Eccles
4 3 JOHNRUNS W G Turner 6-11-7 — P Leach
5 pp0p- MIGHTY IMPRESSIVE D Gandolfo 7-11-7 — P Barton
6 0000- OWEN GAIL J King 7-11-7 — A Carroll
9 ppp-3 SILENT FLIER W R Williams 9-11-7 — R Millman 4
10 000-0 GAZAAN B Wise 5-11-3 — R Rowell
11 rpr-0 TAVY LORD W G Turner 5-11-3 — M O'Halloran
12 0-0 BUBBLING SPIRIT D Gillard 6-11-2 — J Williams

13-8 Johnruns, 11-4 Silent Flier, 5 Mighty Impressive, 8 Gazaan, 10 Owen Gail, 14 Four Of A Kind, 20 others.

3.15 LES FLETCHER HURDLE (£1,980: 3m 2f 100yd) (6)

2 p414- COVENT GARDEN W Clay 5-11-7 — S Smith Eccles
3 0000- AUGUST MOON J Thomas 8-10-4 — C Evans 7
4 220-0 BORDER GEM (CD) J Baker 10-10-4 — J Williams
6 00-02 WELLS O'WEARIE D Gillard 7-10-1 — M Williams
7 pp2-0 POINT LOOKOUT (CB) M Pipe 10-10-0 — P Leach
9 000-f EL CITO N Mitchell 5-10-0 — P Scudamore

6-4 Wells O'Wearie, 9-4 Covent Garden, 4 Border Gem, 10 Point Lookout, 16 El Cito, August Moon.

3.45 'PIPE LODGE' CHASE (handicap: £2,359: 3m 2f 100yd) (5)

2 0-11 NEVER TAMPER (CD) J Baker 8-11-12 (5 ex) — J Williams
5 420-3 PARCELSTOWN (CD) D Gandolfo 6-11-6 — P Barton
6 8p4p- KNIGHT OF LOVE H Manners 8-11-5 — Mr S Bush 7
7 034p- BANKSIDE C Wates 11-11-4 — H Davies
8 0400- AUCHENCATT R E Peacock 9-10-13 — S O'Neill

10-11 Never Tamper, 15-8 Parcelstown, 13-2 Auchencatt, 10 Bankside, 25 Knight Of Love.

4.15 AVON HURDLE (selling handicap: £577: 2m 150yd) (12)

1 p040- TYRANNOS (CD) M Pipe 10-11-10 — R Dennis 4
3 uf00/ OLIVER GAY B Scriven 9-11-4 — B Powell 7
7 0p-41 SINGING FOOL A Pitt 7-10-7 (7 ex) — P Scudamore
8 002-3 MISTY FANTAN M Pipe 7-10-5 — J Sampson 7
9 p/p-f FLY BLACKIE J Fryce 10-10-3 — C Gray 4
10 00/f- WHITLEY FIESTA G Cheshire 8-10-1 — A Wathen 4
13 2p0-0 GENERAL PATTERNS K Wingrove 9-10-1 — Sharron James 7
14 000p- FAIR PATRICK D Tucker 4-10-0 — M Coyle
15 00/0 HI DARLIN' H Manners 6-10-0 — Mr S Bush 7
18 p00-0 BISHENPUR T Hallett 4-10-0 — L Bloomfield 4
20 ppp-0 RESTLESS CAPTAIN R Hodges 5-10-0 — S Smith Eccles
21 8/0p- S D DEMO O Henley 5-10-0 — W Elderfield 7

5-4 Singing Fool, 2 Misty Fantan, 6 Tyrannos, 8 Restless Captain, 14 General Patterns, 16 others.

4.45 WALLABROOK HURDLE (novices: £812: 2m 150yd) (14)

3 0300- DEVON MINNOW R Frost 6-11-10 — Mr Frost 4
5 000-0 YOUNG CROFTIE N Mitchell 6-11-10 — –
7 00p- JAPLING J Thomas 5-11-7 — M Williams
8 00p-0 PARDI NICKEL W G Turner 5-11-7 — M O'Halloran
10 0f-04 RINGABING W Fisher 5-11-7 — C Brown
12 SINGALONG JOE K Bailey 5-11-7 — M Perrett
18 0/p0f- TOM'S TEARS W R Williams 6-11-5 — R Millman 4
19 0- WELSH SAPPHIRE T Hallett 7-11-5 — B Wright
20 000- BUSY QUAY M McCourt 5-11-2 — G McCourt
21 0 DASHING DEANO (B) I Wardle 4-11-0 — K Mooney
24 p0-0 UNCLE DAI J Thomas 4-11-0 — C Evans 7
25 ppp-3 ALLURED (B) J Jenkins 4-10-9 — J Francome
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4-5 Allured, 7-2 Singalong Joe, 11-2 Dashing Deano, 10 Ringabing, 16 Young Croftie, 20 others.

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GOLF

Miss Huke in best of spirits

By John Hennessy, Golf Correspondent

Beverley Huke, the leading player of the women's professional golf season, completed another impressive tournament at the Selsdon Park Hotel yesterday. With a final round of 70, three under par, and a three-round total of 207, she won the White Horse Whisky challenge by one stroke from Muriel Thomson, (69 yesterday); Debbie Dowling (also 69) was third on 209 and Dale Reid (72) and Michelle Walker (73) equal fourth on 210.

It was the fifth successive round below par that Miss Huke had played and the fifteenth score of par or better out of the last 18. There was only one blemish so far as the card was concerned, a four at the *short 17th (142 yards), where* an apparently well-struck five-iron unexpectedly dropped short and from clinging rough she could not manufacture a three. For the third time she had been defeated by that apparently innocuous hole.

Standing on the last tee, she was unaware of the fact that she needed a third birdie there to win the tournament, or at least to avoid becoming embroiled in a play-off with Miss Thomson. She hit a beauty to that short par four, only 223 yards, but it drifted into a bunker and left her a difficult 35-yard shot out of the sand.

She now learnt from a confidante that she had to get up and down for the first prize of £600 and that, she said later, lifted her spirits. She played a superb, lazy bunker shot that floated the ball to five feet and she safely holed the putt.

Earlier her position had been threatened by three putts on the long fifth, after reaching the green in two, *for a wasp alighted on an eye*-lid just as she was about to strike. She went through with the stroke, hit it well past and missed the return.

Miss Huke is in great heart as Britain's representative, indeed Europe's representative, in the elite 12-woman field for the world championship of women's golf in Cleveland next week.

Even the last-placed player will win $3,000 but she is playing well enough to improve on that for all the daunting reputations surrounding her.

Miss Thomson played a typically combative round. She replied to three putts on the first green with a four-iron to two feet at the second and to three more on the sixth with a wedge to two feet at the seventh. Distracted three times by a pair of inconsiderate gossips on the 14th, she hit into a bunker but finished with a flourish and two birdies on the closing holes.

LEADING SCORES: 207: B Huke, 70, 67, 70. 208: M Thomson, 66, 73, 69. 209: D Dowling, 70, 70, 69. 210: D Reid, 70, 68, 72; M Walker, 70, 67, 73. 214: M Burton, 72, 74, 68; B Cooper, 73, 71, 70. 215: C Sharp, 73, 71, 71. 216: K Ehrnlund (Swe), 73, 70, 73. 217: J Smurthwaite, 74, 72, 71. 219: E Glass (Zim), 72, 75, 72. 220: A Wynn, 77, 72, 71; D Hasting, 76, 72, 72; J Statham, 75, 72, 73.

O'Connor still main attraction

From Lewine Mair, Dublin

Although Severiano Ballesteros, Ray Floyd and Nick Faldo are in the field for the Carroll's Open, which starts today at Royal Dublin, there are inevitably still those who have eyes only for Christy O'Connor. It was here, in 1966, that O'Connor came to the sixteenth tee needing three birdies to tie Eric Brown, of Scotland for the Carroll's international tournament. As history records, he did better than that, finishing 2, 3, 3 against par of 4, 4, 5 to win the tournament by two shots.

At the age of 58, he now has to put more time into "loosening up the crickey joints". Yet only last year he was third in the Irish Open, with his four round tally of 290 at Portmarnock.

Peter Townsend, newly installed as the club professional at Portmarnock believes the slick greens at Royal Dublin will yield too many four and five foot putts for O'Connor's liking this week. Indeed, Townsend is convinced that O'Connor junior is the man to watch: "His high finish at Birkdale was no fluke. He is hitting the ball beautifully."

Another in form is Ken Brown, of Scotland. He was round yesterday in a 65, which could easily have been a 63 had he not hit a two-iron into sand at the last. Mark James was also round in 65 in the pro-am, but to use Brown's marvellously descriptive phrase, he is suffering from "a bad taste of the tadgers". For those who have never known this particular ailment, the affliction is one which has the golfer looking as if he has been asked to hold a red hot poker rather than a golf club. James knows that all his gripping adn regripping of the club is getting worse but, as yet, no one has been able to suggest a cure.



O'Connor: memories of 1966

The new enthusiasm claimed by Brian Barnes stood the test of a seven o'clock flight out of Gatwick yesterday to fill a gap in the pro-am. Barnes qualified for the *Dutch Open* last week is happily convinced that the pills prescribed by his doctor have made all the difference.

Three other Scots who made a heroic effort to arrive at Royal Dublin on time were Ross Drummond, Brian Marchbank and Mike Miller. A handling strike at Dublin Airport caused the cancellation of their flight from Glasgow and, when they were unable to ascertain how long the trouble would last, the trio made inquires about a private plane. Ultimately they shared a nine seater aircraft *with five businessman. It cost them* £300, but to their delight and disbelief, the Carroll company insisted on footing the bill.

Law Report August 11, 1983

Whether selling car is part of business

Davies v Sumner

Before Lord Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice Forbes

[Judgment delivered July 25]

When a self-employed courier, who used his car almost exclusively in connexion with his occupation *and then sold it in part exchange* for another vehicle for occupational use, the transaction was not in the course of a trade or business within section 1(1) of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, allowing an appeal by way of case stated by John Barry Davies against his conviction by the Flint Justices on July 7, 1982, of having in the course of trade or business applied to his Ford motor car a false trade description to the effect that the car had travelled 18,100 miles whereas it had in fact travelled 118,100 miles, contrary to section 1(1) of the 1968 Act.

Section 1(1) (a) of the 1968 Act provides: "Any person who, in the course of a trade or business, – (a) applies a false trade description to any goods ... shall, subject to the provisions of this Act, be guilty of an offence."

Mr William Waldron, QC and Mr Andrew Sander for the appellant; Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Mr Derek Halbert for the prosecutor.

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF said the question the court had to answer was whether when a person, who in the course of his occupation as a self-employed courier almost exclusively used his car for the purpose of that occupation, disposed of that vehicle for another vehicle, that transaction was in the course of trade or business for the purpose of section 1 of the 1968 Act.

The appellant was a courier who had bought a car in June 1980. By July 1981 it had travelled 118,100 miles, which appeared on the odometer as 18,100. He had tendered the car in part-exchange for a new car but had not disclosed, not having been asked, that the true mileage was over 118,000. The dealer had concluded from the age and condition of the car that the odometer reading was correct and valued it accordingly.

The Flint Justices convicted him of an offence under section 1(1) apparently on the basis that the use of the car had been integral to his business, as it had, and therefore that the disposition of the car had been made by him in the course of a trade or business.

In *Havering London Borough Council v Stevenson* ([1970] 1 WLR 1375), the Divisional Court held that the test to be applied in such cases was whether the transaction was an integral part of a trade obusiness carried on by the defendant, not whether the use of the goods which were the subject of the transaction was integral to that trade or business. It was there found that the sale and replacement of cars by a car-hire company was integral to the carrying on of their business and therefore within the ambit of the section.

In order to apply the *Havering* test it was necesary to look at the transaction in question.

While the use of his car was undoubtedly integral to his business as a courier, the transaction by which the car had been disposed of was not.

The justices had applied the wrong test: the appeal would be allowed, the conviction quashed, and the question answered in the negative.

Mr Justice Forbes agreed.

Solicitors: Gamlin Kelly & Beattie, Rhyl; Sharpe, Pritchard & Co for Mr E R L Davies, Mold.

Not attempting to aid but aiding an attempt

Regina v Dunnington

Before Lord Justice Ackner, Mr Justice Beldam and Sir John Thompson

[Judgment delivered July 29]

The Criminal Attempts Act 1981 did not remove from criminal responsibility the offence of aiding and abetting an attempt to commit a crime.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Kevin Vincent Dunnington against his conviction at Teesside Crown Court (Judge Hewitt) on February 3, 1983 of attempted robbery contrary to section 1(1) of the Criminal Attempts Act 1981.

The Act provides, by section 1: "(1) If, with intent to commit an offence to which this section applies, a person does an act which is more than merely preparatory to the commission of the offence, he is guilty of attempting to commit the offence.

"(4) This section applies to any offence which, if it were completed, would be triable ... as an indictable offence, other than- ... (b) aiding, abetting, counselling, procuring or suborning the commission of an offence; ..."

Mr P. E. C. White, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the defendant; Mr Euan Duff for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE BELDAM said that the defendant was charged with aiding and abetting a robbery which had failed. He had been charged as a principal pursuant to the provisions of section 8 of the Accessories and Abettors Act 1861.

It was argued for the defendant that the acts committed by him, although more than merely preparatory to the offence of aiding and abetting, were done with intent to aid and abet the commission of an offence and so were excluded from the operation of section 1(1) of the 1981 Act.

If that construction were correct accessories in the commission of crimes which were thwarted would be relieved from criminal responsibility. Such a result could not have been the intention of Parliament.

In excepting aiding and abetting an offence from section 1(1) by section 1(4), the draftsman was treating aiding and abetting as a separate offence. Therefore, in section 1(1) the words "the offence" where they appeared in the phrase "he is guilty of attempting to commit the offence" had to be taken to refer to the same offence referred to earlier is section 1(1): "with intent to commit an offence".

That would however create a new offence. Accordingly section 1(4) provided that the provisions of section 1(4) should not apply to aiding and abetting an offence. The Act thus avoided the creation of a separate offence of attempting to aid and abet a crime. It did not remove from criminal responsibility the offence of aiding and abetting an attempt to commit a crime.

The appeal would therefore be dismissed.

Lord Justice Ackner and Sir John Thompson agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Peter Ross, Middlesbrough.

Logo and name do not advertise credit

Jenkins v Lombard North Central plc

Before Lord Justice Robert Goff and Justice Forbes

[Judgment delivered July 29]

An advertisement as to the price of a vehicle which bore, to one side of the price, the name and logo of a well-known credit company but no other words or marks, did not indicate a willingness in that company to provide credit, and the advertisement was not therefore required to comply with the provisions of the Consumer Credit (Advertisement) Regulations (SI 1980 No 54).

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by Paul Christopher Jenkins, a representative of the *Director General of Fair* Trading, against the dismissal by the Leeds Stipendiary Magistrate of three informations preferred against Lombard North Central plc, alleging that in respect of each of three cars they had indicated, by means of an advertisement published for the purposes of a business carried on by them, a willingness to provide credit for the purchase of each car, in contravention of the 1980 Regulations, made under section 44 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974.

Mr Anthony Scrivener QC, Mr Anthony Purnell and Mr Julien Hooper for the appellant; Mr Richard Yorke, QC and Mr Charles Falconer for the company.

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF said that the advertisements concerned had indicated the price of the cars on stickers on the left hand end of which had been the words "Lombard North Central Ltd" and the logo of the company.

No other information had appeared on two of the advertisements; on the third the words "cash price" had appeared.

The appellant had contended that the appropriate test as to whether such an advertisement indicated a willingness in the company named to provide credit was whether an ordinary person would take the advertisement as an indication that the advertiser was willing to provide credit, and in considering the reaction of the ordinary person account should be taken of the widespread knowledge of members of the public of the reputation of the advertiser as a provider of credit facilities.

In *Maurice Binks Turf Accountants Ltd v Huss* ([1971] 1 WLR 52), it had been held that the word "indicating" in the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 meant "showing". In his Lordship's judgment, that was the proper construction to be put on the word "indicates" in section 43(1) of the 1974 Act.

It was not enough that the advertisement suggested that the company might provide credit: to fall within the category of advertisements regulated by the 1980 Regulations, an advertisement would have to include the fact that the advertiser was willing to provide credit.

Mr Justice Forbes agreed

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Wilde Sapte.

University news

Oxford

Elections and awards

Wilde lecturership in natural and comparative religion: F Hardy, MA, DPhil., lecturer in Indian religions, King's College, London, from October 1, 1984.
Arieaga Prize: M E Porter, exhibitioner of Trinity College.
Mrs Claude Beddington prize in English literature: Kathleen M G Aughierson, St John's College.
Burdett-Coutts prize: J D Blundy, University College.
Rupert Cross prize: G H Brandis, Magdalen College, and Susan J Foreman Jesus College (jointly).
Denyer and Johnson prize in theology: Rebecca N Gray, Trinity College.
Gibbs prize in biochemistry: D J Clark, Keble College, proxime accesit – B S Munro, University College.
Book prizes: R Earl, The Queen's College, Fiona J Barling, University College, T J Elliott, Balliol College.
Gibbs prize in chemistry: D J Birch, Trinity College, and Luet L Wong, St Catherine's College (jointly) book prize – P R Gellert, Pembroke College.
Gibbs prize in zoology: Elizabeth Cooper, St Anne's College.
George Webb Medley senior prize: T J Besley, Keble College and M S A Grubb, The Queen's College (jointly).
Slaughter and May prize: T Polglase, St John's College.
Vinerian scholarship, N J O'Bryan, Wadham College.
Martin Wronker prize in medicine, R A Barker, Corpus Christi College, additional grants: A J E Foss, Christ Church, L T Hughes-Davies, Trinity College, special prize: N V B Western, Keble College.
Martin Wronker prize in pharmacology: P H Maxwell, Corpus Christi College.
Gordon Milburn Junior research fellowship: R B E Smith, BA Worcester College.
Henry Wilde prize in philosophy: T W Child, scholar of Wadham College.
ST EDMUND HALL: To an official fellowship in geology: S L Harley, (PhD Tasmania) from October 1.

Cambridge

awards

Craven studentship, 1983: A Makower, BA, Trinity College.
Mark Gregson prize, 1983: R P Baldwin, BA, Emmanuel College.
Jebb studentships for 1983-84: M E J Hughes, BA, Girton College and G H Tucker, BA, St John's College.
C H W Johns memorial studentship, 1983-84: S A Jasim, Girton College, re-elected.
Charles Oldham classical scholarship, 1983: S C Todd, BA, Trinity College.
Prendagast studentship, 1983: J T Vallance, BA, St John's College.
Holland Rose studentship, 1983-84: D A Day, Churchill College, re-elected.
Sandys studentship, 1983: N J Spivey, BA, Emmanuel College.
Henry Arthur Thomas studentship, 1983: D E L Johnston, BA, St John's College, re-elected.
Wiltshire prizes, 1983: R A Mellors, Jesus College, and I E Taylor, Trinity College.
George Charles Winter Warr scholarship, 1983: B J Hague, BA, Churchill College.
John Wishart prize, 1983: T S Wright, BA, Christ's College.

Election

Mr E. R. Nixon and Lord Rayner have been elected to honorary fellowships of Selwyn College.

Glasgow

Grants

Science and Engineering Research Council: £60,924 to Professor I S Hughes for the equipment for experimental partical physics.
Scottish Arts Council: £49,360 to Professor D Thomsom, for the publication of new works in Gaelic.
The Wellcome Trust: £90,581 to Professor K Vickerman, for a study of parasite-specific antigens in protective immunity and serodiagnosis.

Newcastle

Professor George Jobey, Professor of Prehistoric Archaeology, is to be accorded the title of Professor Emeritus upon his retirement on September 30.

Stirling

Appointments

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Senior lectureship: Dr J A Slevin, (department of physics).

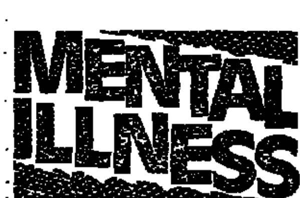
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General Appointments

HORIZONS

The Times guide to career training

A new approach to selling

Michel Syrett looks at the changing ways of accountants and engineers

British professionals are increasingly *finding themselves more closely* involved in the selling of the services or product which they originate. This trend, which breaks the traditional segregation between production and selling functions, has prompted a number of management schools and conference organizers to provide training designed to make professional men and women more customer conscious in the course of their work.

Two widely differing illustrations are the *professions of accountancy* and engineering, both of which have gone some way towards marketing awareness from very contrasting starting points.

Ten years ago, the very idea of selling in any form would have been anathema to the accountancy profession, still bound by a strict code of practice which, like its legal counterpart, prohibited the advertisement of services in any manner. The recession, however, has done much to alter the image the leading practices seek to project. With their resources squeezed as well as their costs, they have been forced to compete much harder for new business. In addition, while the compulsory audit still accounts for between two thirds and three quarters of the profession's income, larger firms are now devoting a greater proportion of their resources to non-audit services than before, in *particular taxation, corporate finance*, management consultancy, trustee work, share regulation, insolvency and computer development. In doing so, they are moving into areas where they have to face sharp competition from related financial and managerial institutes.

The result is that the climate of professional practice has changed significantly, and practices now seek to promote themselves in a way which would have been unthinkable in the late 1960s. Far from upholding the traditional view of the client approaching a firm on the basis of its reputation, or through suitable recommendation, many practices now have public relations departments, and some have developed rudimentary marketing departments neatly incorporated under the unassuming title of "practice development".

It is significant that the Institute of Chartered Accountants feels that the potential need for advice in this field is sufficient to sanction regular conferences entitled "Marketing for the Accountancy Profession", organized by marketing guru Aubrey Wilson. A Scottish conference is currently being organized, details of which can be obtained from Aubrey Wilson Associates, 87, Blackfriars Road, London SE1 (Tel: 01-928 8636).

A heavy emphasis at these seminars is placed on the ability of individual members of the practice to project the right image, and so, indirectly win new business. This has had a marked effect on the standards by which new entrants are judged. As one graduate *recruiter at a leading firm of chartered* accountants commented: "What we are looking for more than ever is the good all-rounder. We get many people we know will pass the examinations, but who are not necessarily good mixers and good salesmen, and who are therefore not necessarily good partners. We want people who *prompt the client to think* 'Well, I have to accept some work from you because the law says so, but I like you and I would like to get help from you beyond the statutory minimum.' "

The concept of marketing awareness found resistance in the accountancy profession because of a traditional distaste for "touting". In the engineering profession, it encountered resistance *because of the traditional* segregation between "making" and "selling", and also because of the thoroughly unjust view among British senior management that engineers, while good "spanner men", were not sufficiently articulate and intelligent *to be let anywhere near a potential* client. As one manager went so far as to state: "It's almost as if people despise engineers. And sometimes when engineers are in charge of companies, they take their revenge on the others."

The segregation engineers face was ably set out by Ron Wheeler, Aero Marketing Manager for Rosemount Engineering Co: "In a perfect world, any engineer or group of engineers could perform the marketing task; in practice, most companies 'cream off' individuals to present the marketing case either completely or to a selected engineering level. In nearly all cases, *pricing and marketing strategy remain* the province of marketing."

It was largely to consider ways of *overcoming this problem that the* Henley Management College began in 1981 a series of highly successful *four-day courses entitled* "Marketing for Engineers". During the first course, participants were asked to submit reports answering the question "How may I contibute more effectively to the marketing effort of my firm?" From these, Henley compiled a number of specific action points, including:

- Every engineering decision you make will ultimately have an effect upon your customer. Make sure that *all* your decisions are customer oriented.
- Approach your marketing department/personnel and find out what they do and how they do it.
- Acquire and read marketing documents, reports and customer research. Find out more about marketing objectives and how thay affect your job and responsibilities.
- Acquire knowledge on product costings and financial techniques. Understand how costs affect profits.
- Discuss with your marketing personnel the competition your product or system faces. Establish how you can help your marketing salesmen to understand the technicalities of the competitor's products.

For a full list of the points made at the course at Henley Management College, send a SAE to Career Horizons, Room 137, The Times, PO Box 7, 200, Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EZ.

The next course on "Marketing for Engineers" is planned by Henley for October 17-21. Further details are available from James Noon, The Henley Management College, Greenlands, *Henley-on-Thames, Oxon RG9* 3AU.

MARKET PLACE

In a monthly column Philip Schofield surveys the job vacancies

Recruitment activity for management, professional and technical staff continues to increase sharply. *Executive Post*, PER's weekly jobs newspaper, carried advertisements for 2,579 vacancies in July. This was almost 28 per cent up on the figure in *July last year* and almost *11* per cent up on June.

Hay-MFL management consultants, who monitor executive recruitment advertising in six newspapers, report that, having climbed to a 10-year peak in the first quarter of the year, the level of advertised demand remained almost as high in the second quarter. Overall demand is 49 per cent up on last year, with particularly marked growth in demand for personnel executives (up 139 per cent) and research, development and design (up 83 per cent).

The overall volume of recruitment advertising carried in the quality national press in both June and July was just over 14 per cent up on last year. This is the more remarkable in that the *Financial Times* was not *published in either month this year.*

The demand for non-executive skills is also increasing, although not as rapidly. The seasonally adjusted monthly average number of vacancies notified to job centres in the three months ending July was 184,000. This was an increase of almost 13 per cent on the same period last year. In early July, *153,400* vacancies remained unfilled, 14 per cent more than in June. This was the largest monthly increase since July 1973.

Executive Appointments

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Dated this 3rd day of August 1983
By Order of the Board of Directors,
J Head
Director

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Liquidator

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9.00 Captain Caveman: cartoon; 9.10 Whirlybirds: more cartoons; 9.35 Jackanory: Rula Lenska reads a Polish fairy tale – Gavel and King Hobrad (r); 9.50 The Wombles; 9.55 Why Don't You ...? Leisure ideas (r); 10.20 Closedown.

10.55 Cricket: The Third Test. First day's play between England and New Zealand at Lord's. Further coverage at 1.40 and on BBC 2 at 4.15, with highlights on BBC 2 tonight at 9.55.

1.05 News Afternoon: with Richard Whitmore and Vivien Creegor; 1.22 Financial Report. And sub-titled news; 1.25 Bagpuss.

1.40 Cricket: The Third Test. Back to Lord's for more overs.

4.20 Play School: same as BBC 2, 10.30am; 4.45 Heidi: episode 9 of this 15-episode serialization of the children's classic about an orphan girl (r); 5.05 John Craven's Newsround; 5.10 We are the Champions: Games contest between Willingdon School, Eastbourne; St Patrick's High School, Banbridge, Co Down; and North Kesteven School, North Hykeham, Lincs. The guest is Brian Hooper.

5.40 News: with Moira Stuart; 6.00 South East at Six.

6.20 Tom and Jerry: cartoons.

6.35 The First World Athletics Championships: From Helsinki. A report from the British camp just a matter of hours before Daley Thompson begins his bid for the Decathlon title.

7.05 Top of the Pops: with Richard Skinner and Tommy Vance.

7.40 Fame: Another 50 minutes with the students and staff at the New York High School for Performing Arts. Tonight, Reardon (Morgan Stevens) is most displeased to find a photograph of himself in a scandalous publication.

8.30 Tomorrow's World at Large: Judith Hann spends some time as a scrub nurse – the "stage manager" in an operating theatre. She is actually involved in an operation.

9.00 News: with Michael Buerk.

9.25 The Life and Times of David Lloyd George: Episode 5 (of nine) in the Elaine Morgan drama serial. When Maggie is away, Frances Stevenson lives at 11 Downing Street. And Lloyd George and Kitchener clash over the war effort (r).

10.25 Campus: The Professors. Penultimate film in this series about Edinburgh University life (see Choice).

10.55 Tom Jones Now! The Welsh singers guest is Teddy Pendergrass; 11.18 News headlines.

11.20 The 20th Century Remembered: Lord Hailsham looks backs on the year 1963, the year he might have moved into No 10.

11.50 So You Want to Give Up Smoking: Dr Miriam Stoppard shows how not to start again (r); 12.00 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain: with Anne Diamond and Martin Wainwright. Includes news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 8.58; Sport at 6.45, 7.45 and 8.35; Morning papers at 7.05; Competition time at 7.25 and 8.25; Pop video at 7.55; Guess Who? at 8.05; By the Seaside (Chris Tarrant at Scarborough) at 8.15 and 8.45; Mad Lizzie at 8.50; Rat on the Road (around Edinburgh) at 9.00; Closedown at 9.25.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines. Followed by: Sesame Street: learning, with The Muppets; 10.25 Science International: scientific research film; 10.35 Struggle Beneath the Sea: mating habits of the sea hare; 11.00 History of the Motor Car: the developments – between 1895 and 1914 (r).

11.25 World Famous Fairy Tales: The Two Spoiled Little Bears: cartoon (r); 11.35 Freetime: Advice on how to look after your pet horse. Plus holiday games to play, and a review of the latest film releases (r).

12.00 Heggerty, Haggerty: George Cole tells the story of the circus lion (repeated at 4.00); 12.10 Get up and Go!: with Beryl Reid and Mooncat; 12.30 The Sullivans.

1.00 News; 1.20 Thames area news; 1.30 Emmerdale Farm: The Yorkshire serial about countryfolk (r).

2.00 A Plus Revisited: A second chance to see the interview with Lord Soper, filmed last February when he was 80. The interviewer is Trevor Hyett (r).

2.30 Funny Man: Drama series about a family of entertainers. With Jimmy Jewel (r).

3.30 Survival: No Room in the Park. The successful attempt to save the antelope in Malawi's Lengwe National Park.

4.00 Children's ITV: Heggerty Haggerty (r); 4.15 Victor and Maria: It is Victor's birthday; 4.20 On Safari: "Jungle" fun, with Joe Brown and Christopher Biggins; 4.45 Home: Drama serial.

5.15 The Young Doctors: Drama series, set in a hospital in Australia.

5.45 News; 6.00 Thames area news; 6.25 Help! Special: The plight of London's gypsies who have to live on waste ground.

6.40 Crossroads: Why Terry is terrified.

7.10 I Simply Can't See: A film about 14-year-old Rachel Sharman, who is a pupil at the RNIB's grammar school in Hertfordshire. Third film in a series of six, about blindness at various ages.

7.40 Film: The Hasted Lady (1977) Made-for-TV thriller about a police woman (Donna Mills), on the run after being framed. The man on her trail is Lawrence Casey.

9.30 European Connections: Alpes Maritimes: Simon and Marilla. Documentary about two Britons in exile – an architect and a part-time writer who also works in the perfume industry.

10.00 News; And Thames area news.

10.30 Shelley: Hywel Bennett in a comedy about an attempt to re-wire a house (r).

11.00 A Sense of the Past: How the Victorians dealt with household problems. With Graeme Garden.

11.30 Lou Grant: Personal and professional worries for Charlie Hume (Mason Adams). With Edward Asner.

12.25 Night Thoughts: with the Rev Kenneth Greet.

CHOICE

● CAMPUS (BBC 1, 10.25pm) is making such a thoroughgoing job of anatomizing life at Edinburgh University that, after five episodes – there is one more to come, dealing with graduation day – we are left with the impression that just about the only thing we have not been told is how much the daily cleaning ladies earn and what is for sweet at lunchtime on Tuesdays. Tonight's film concentrates on two of the 153 professors on the staff, the head of defence studies, John Erickson, and the head of electrical engineering, Jeff Collins. Professionally, temperamentally and physically, they are worlds apart. Professor Erickson is lean, sparing with his smiles, testy with slack-disciplined undergraduates ("I'm not here to wait on students!"), given to mockery of the Stalinists of the academic world, and a man who seems to have opened up a direct route to the thinking of Soviet military strategists and is, therefore, much sought after by the Kremlin's counterparts in the West. He walks with admirals and, as visiting VIP, *enters the lecture hall at a US naval* war college to the strains of the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Professor Collins is more sturdily built, is affability personified, a fellow quaffer of ale *with his students, and chairman of* the Wolfsson Institute in Edinburgh, the micro-electronic powerhouse which is the envy of the silicon chip world. He sees no moral dilemma in the commercial reinforcement of *his unit at the university where* minds are bent to developing a single-chip with 1,000 times the capacity of today's microcomputers. But the view from Professor Ericksson's study window provides a very different prospect. Not for him the "wholesome products" like Professor Collins's "light switches", but a secret, dangerous world where, politically and morally, defence specialists without scruples could be open to blood money.

● Other highlights tonight: Judith Hann lending an unpractised hand in the operating theatre in *TOMORROW'S WORLD AT LARGE* (BBC 1, 8.30pm); Paul Newman acting everybody else off the screen in CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF (BBC 2, 8.10); and a star-studded production of SHE *STOOPS TO CONQUER (Radio 4,* 7.20pm).

Professor John Erickson: Campus (BBC1, 10.25pm).

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: Maths: non-Euclidean Geometry; 6.30 Conflict in the Family; 6.55 The Ankara Response; 7.20 Inner City Story (3). 7.45 Income Distribution. Ends at 8.10.

10.30 Play School: Edward Lear's story The Quangle Wangle Hat (r) Also on BBC1, at 4.20; 10.55 Closedown.

4.15 Cricket: The Third Test. First day's play at Lord's. Highlights on BBC2 at 9.55 tonight. The commentators: Richie Benaud, Jim Laker, Tony Lewis, Ted Dexter.

6.15 Nationwide's Great Gardens: Alan Titchmarsh visits the garden of the Castle of Mey on the shores to the Pentland Firth, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother created it (r).

6.25 Distant Guns: The story of two Britons who, joined the French Foreign Legion – John Yeowell and Bill Crooks (r).

6.55 Six Fifty-five: Two actors from the BBC TV drama series The Chinese Detective, David Yip and Derek Martin, tour the East End of London – as themselves.

7.25 News: with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.

7.30 Wheels of Fire: Another documentary about India (the seventh in a series of 10). How the Self-Employed Women's Association in Ahmedabad has brought a measure of self-confidence to hard-working women who, until recently, received little recognition. SEWA also acts as a co-operative, helping workers to sell their wares.

8.00 Bird Spot: Tony Soper among the cormorants, the diving wonders of the bird world (r).

8.10 Film: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (1958) Strong drama, based on the Tennessee Williams stage play, about the tensions in a family during a birthday reunion in honour of the head of the family (Burl Ives). Starring Elizabeth Taylor, Paul Newman, Judith Anderson and Jack Carson. Directed by Richard Brooks.

9.55 Cricket: The Third Test. Highlights from today's play at Lord's, between England and New Zealand. Introduced by Richie Benaud.

10.25 Country Cousins: with the country music singer Little Ginny; the violinist, singer and mandolin player Gerry Hale; and the Yellowstone Picnic Band. Recorded at Blazers in Windsor.

10.55 Newsnight: bulletins and comment.

11.45 Open University: Ecology: Reclaiming Land; 12.10 Social Skills Therapy (11); and, at 12.35, Sailing on Course (water thrills for youngsters). Open University ends at 1.05 approximately.

CHANNEL 4

5.30 Car 54, Where are You?: Comedy series starring Joe E Ross and Fred Gwynne as the two funny police officers. Tonight: a bad case of nerves in front of a television studio audience.

6.00 Bewitched: Comedy series about a sorceress (Elizabeth Montgomery). Tonight: the party guest (Jack Warden) who is turned into a dog when he becomes uncontrollably romantic. Co-starring Agnes Moorehead as another magical lady.

6.30 The Good Food Show: The creature from the Scottish deep that has changed the traditional pub meal. Plus wise shopping with Bill Weeks, and useful hints from Clive Gunnell, Prue Leith and Su Ingle.

7.00 Channel Four News: News and views, with headlines at 7.30 and Business News at 7.35.

7.50 Comment: The platform belongs to Alistair Hicks, who is editor of the international art magazines Mercury and Antiques Across the World. Plus weather prospects for Friday.

8.00 The Last Sailors: Tonight's film (the second in a three-part series) deals with men who earn a living in the coastal waters off Chile, Brazil, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh. In the Bay of Bengal, we watch the sailors who brave some of the world's worst storms, without compass or chart.

9.00 Soap: No sooner has Chester fired Claire that she starts to blackmail him. And Burt thinks he can become invisible by snapping his fingers. It is all part of the crazy saga of the Tates and the Campbells (r).

9.30 Out: Continuing the story of Frank Ross (Tom Bell), out of prison after eight years, and determined to find out who "shopped" him. Tonight, he visits his wife (Pam Fairbrother), a patient at a mental home. It proves to be a deeply disturbing experience. Meanwhile, Det Insp Bryce (Norman Rodway) tells Rimmer (Robert Walker) to step up his harassment of Ross (r).

10.30 Book 'Em an' Risk It: New comedy performers put on a show in the foyer of a television studio. They include Jim Barclay, Arnold Brown, Jock McLog and McNikki, and The Oblivion Boys.

11.30 What the Papers Say: with Edward Pearce, who is a parliamentary sketch writer on the Daily Telegraph, Closedown follows at 11.45.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary. 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.43 "Castors Away!" by Hester Burton (4). 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News: Checkpoint with investigator extraordinary Roger Cook (r).
9.30 The Living World. David Nichols and Peter France in search of the starfish (r).
10.00 News: Russell Harty's Musical Encounters with guest Edna Healey†.
10.30 Morning Story: "Arnold Proudfoot's Obsession" by Madelaine Blackmore. The reader is Bill Wallis.
10.45 Daily Service†.
11.00 News: Travel; With great pleasure. Peter Nichols presents poetry and prose. The readers are Eileen Atkins and Joe Melia (r).
11.48 Enquire Within.
12.00 News: You and Yours.
12.27 What Ho! Jeeves "Joy in the Morning!" by P. G. Wodehouse (5)† 12.55 Weather; Travel.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News: Woman's Hour. Includes an item on jigsaw puzzle addiction and the second part of Christina Dodwell's Further Travels in Papua New Guinea. Also part 7 of The Plague Dogs.
3.00 Afternoon Theatre: Adam Delaney's play The Voice Within. Patricia Hayes plays the lodger who refuses to be budged by a musician (Paul Dalton) who is given a place to live provided he drives her out of the house with his music making.†
4.00 News: Just after Four. Claire Frankel and American eating habits.
4.10 A Good Read. Paperbacks.
4.40 Story Time: "Pudd'nhead Wilson" by Mark Twain (9).
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 *Shipping Forecast. 5.55* Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News.
6.30 Brain of Britain 1983. North of England. Round 2 (r).
7.00 News: The Archers.
7.20 Four Classic Comedies 3: "She *Stoops to Conquer" or "The* Mistakes of Night" by Dr Goldsmith. The cast includes Judi Dench, Elizabeth Spriggs, Leslie Sands, Sarah Badel, Michael Williams, Wayne Sleep, Peter Wickham and Anthony *Newlands. Stereo and binaural.*
9.15 Behind the Chalet School. A salute to Joey Bettany and Co., whose pranks at the Chalet School have enthralled girls for 60 years.
9.30 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. *Includes a review of Rainer* Werner Fassbinder's last film Querelle, and of The Dillen, at the RSC's The Other Place.
10.00 The World Tonight: news.
11.00 A Book at Bedtime: "In the Cage" by Henry James (4).
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Night.
12.00 News: Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast.
ENGLAND VHF as 1† above except: 6.25-6.30 am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00 pm Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). *11.00 Study on 4:* Principles of Counselling: 2. 11.30-12.10 am OPEN UNIVERSITY.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather; 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Part one. Elgar (overture: Cockaigne), Poulenc (Piano Conc. (Cristina Ortiz, soloist), Kodaly (Dances from Galanta).
8.00 News; 8.05 Morning Concert: part two. *Biber (Serenade in C),* Dornal (Trio-Sonata No 2), Pachelbel (Canon and Gigue in D), Sweelinck (Fantasia Chromatica), Mendelssohn (Symphonic movement in C minor).†
9.00 News; 9.05 This Week's Composers: Berwald and Larsson (includes Berwald's Septet in B flat and his string quartet No 3, and Larsson's Sonatine No 1.†
10.00 New Irish Chamber Orchestra: Stravinsky (Dumbarton Oaks) and Mozart (Flute Conc in G, K 313 (James Galway, soloist).†
10.45 Hugo Wolf: songs from the Italian Songbook. Singers: Sheila Armstrong and John Shirley-Quirk with Roger Vignoles (piano).†
11.40 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: Petrassi (Invenzione Concertata), Beethoven (Piano Conc No 4 – soloist Peter Donohoe); 12.30 Interval Reading; 12.35 Dvorak (Symphonic Variations).†
1.00 News; 1.05 Valerie Tryon: piano recital. Chopin (Studies, Op 25) and Liszt (including Mephisto Waltz No 1).†
2.00 Hagar and Ishmael: two-part oratorio by Alessandro Scarlatti. With Margaret Cable as Hagar and Patrizia Kwella as Ishmael. Sung in Italian.†
3.15 Violin and Piano: Erich Gueunberg and David Wilde. Beethoven (Son in C minor, Op 30, No 2), Fauré (Son No 1, Op 13).†
4.15 Youth Orchestras of the World: RIAS Orchestra play Berlioz (Le Carnaval Roman overture) and Schubert (Symph No 3)†; 4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: the presenter is Michael Berkeley. Includes the Facade suite, by Walton (at 6.05 approx).
6.30 Bandstand: Played by Jones and Crossland Band. Includes Vinter's Symphony of Marches, and Robert Simpson's Volcano.†
7.00 Proms 83: From the Royal Albert Hall. Rossini's La Cenerentola (see panel).†
8.35 Summer Excursions: Flight over the Border. A H Halsey on the dual economy of Aberdeen (r).
8.55 Proms 83: La Cenerentola (contd) see panel.†
10.10 Elective Affinities: Richard Morant reads part four of R J Hollingdale's translation of the work by J W von Goethe, abridged by Roger Frith (r).
10.40 The Electronic Voice: Works composed at the studios of *French Radio studies during the* 1950s and 1960s, presented by Paul Griffiths.
11.15 News. Ends at 11.18.
Open University: 6.15am The Analyst and his Client; 6.35 Social and Political Context; 11.20pm Metabolic Pathways; 11.40 Modern Art: Vorticism.
Medium Wave only: 10.45am Cricket: The Third Test at Lord's. First day's play. 1.05 News; 1.10 The Great Match (Lord's 1979); 1.30 Cricket until 6.30pm.

TONIGHT'S PROM

7.00 Rossini: La cenerentola (Cinderella), Act 1.
8.55 La cenerentola. Act 2. The Glyndebourne Festival Opera, with Marta Taddei (sop), Kathleen Kuhlmann (mezzo), Laura Zannini (mezzo), Laurence Dale (ten), Alberto Rinaldi (bar), Claudio Desderi (bass-bar), with Glyndebourne Chorus and London Philharmonic Orch. Conductor: Donato Renzetti. Radio 3. Stereo.

Radio 2

News on the hour every hour (except 8.00 pm and 9.00) Major Bulletins 7.00 am, 8.00, 1.00 pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight (mf/mw). 5.00 am Colin Berry †. 7.30 Ray Moore†. 10.00 Jimmy Young†. 12.00 pm Music While You Work†. 12.30 Gloria Hunniford†including 2.02 Sports Desk. 2.30 Steve Jones†including 3.02 Sports Desk. 4.00 David Hamilton†including 4.02, 5.30 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn†including 6.45 Sport and Classified Results 7.28 Cricket Desk. 7.30 The Boston Pops†. 8.30 Country Club with Wally Whyton†. 9.30 Star Sound Extra 9.57 Sports Desk. 10.00 Punchline (new series). 10.30 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00 am The David Francis sound†. 1.30 The Organist Entertains†. 2.00-5.00 Peter Dickson presents You and the Night and the Music†

Radio 1

News on the half hour from 6.30 am until 8.30 pm and then at 10.00 and 12.00 midnight (mf/mw). 6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.00 Mike Smith with the Radio 1 Roadshow in Bognor Regis. 12.30 Newsbeat. 12.45 Andy Peebles. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 Talkabout. 8.00 David Jensen 10.00 John Peel†. 12.00 midnight Close. VHF Radios 1 and 2. 5.00 am With Radio 2. 10.00 pm With Radio 1 12.00-5.00 am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Nature Notebook. 6.40 The Farming World. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Country Style. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Short Story. 8.30 John Peel. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Science Through *the Looking Glass. 10.00 The Gentlemen of the* Chapel Royal. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 New Ideas. 11.25 The Week in Wales. 11.30 The Golden Obsession. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Top Twenty. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Cricket 1.45 The Pleasure's Yours. 2.30 Cricket. 2.45 Network UK. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 The Golden Obsession. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 A Jolly Good Show. 9.15 Ulster Newsletter. 9.20 In the Meantime. 9.30 Business Matters. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 The Week in Wales. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Simenon's Maigret. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Ulster Newsletter. 1.50 In the Meantime. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Fantastic Fiddler. 2.30 Europe's Untidy Peace. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Business Matters. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today. (All times in GMT)

BBC1 BBC WALES 1.22-1.25pm News. 4.18-4.20 News. 6.00-6.20 Wales Today. 12.00 midnight News of Wales headlines. SCOTLAND 1.20-1.25 The Scottish News. 6.00-6.20 *Reporting Scotland. 12.00 midnight* Scottish news summary. NORTHERN IRELAND 1.22-1.25 News. 4.18-4.20 News. 6.00-6.20 News at six and Summerscene. 12.00 midnight Northern Ireland news headlines. ENGLAND 6.00-6.20pm Regional news magazine. 12.05 Close.

ULSTER As London except: Starts. 9.25am-9.30 Day ahead. 10.30 Professor Kitzel. 10.40 Untamed World. 11.05-11.35 Spellbinders. 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Crime Casebook. 5.15-5.45 One of the Boys. 6.00 Good Evening, Ulster. 6.30 Police Six. 6.35 Cartoon. 6.45 Crossroads. 7.10 PS It's Paul Squire. 7.40-9.30 Film: In This House of Brede. 10.30 Farming – Summer special. 11.00 I Simply Can't See. 11.30 Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London, except: 10.25am-12.00 Film: Island of the Lost (Richard Greene). 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Robin's Nest. 5.15 Tales at Teatime. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.40 Take the High Road. 7.10 Benson. 7.40-9.30 Film: Dirty Money (Alain Delon). 10.30 Holding the Fort. 11.00 I Simply Can't See. 11.30 Late Call. 11.35 Superstar Profile. 12.00 Closedown.

S4C Starts 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Egwyd/Interval. 3.40 Eastern Eye. 4.35 Start Here. *5.00 Pili-Pala.* 5.05 Gweld I'r Gwylt. 5.25 World of Animation. 5.35 Dick Van Dyke Show. 6.05 Brookside. 6.30 Car 54, Where Are You? 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Marseille, Marseille. 8.10 Harmonia. 8.40 Daphnis and Chloe. 9.40 Last Sailors. 11.30 Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

TVS As London except: 10.25am Vicky the Viking. 10.45 Voyage to *the Bottom of the Sea. 11.35-12.00* Sport Billy. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Keep It In The Family. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.45 Crossroads. 7.10-7.40 Robin's Nest. 10.30 Ladies' Man. 11.00 I Simply Can't See. 11.30 Lou Grant. 12.25am Company, Closedown.

BORDER As London, except: 10.25am-12.00 Film: Horse's Mouth (Alex Guinness). 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Robin's Nest. 5.15-5.45 University Challenge. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.45 Crossroads. 7.10-7.40 PS It's Paul Squire. 10.30 I Simply Can't See. 11.00 Hill Street Blues. 12.00 News. 12.03am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25 am 3-2-1 Contact. 10.00 *Morning Serial. 10.30 Central Sport.* 11.05-12.00 Tarzan. 12.30 pm-1.00 About Britain. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25 News. 7.00 PS. It's Paul Squire. 7.30 England, Their England. 8.00-9.30 Film: Carry On Matron. 10.30 Citizen '83. 11.00 News. 11.05 I Simply Can't See. 11.35 Making a Living. 12.05 am Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: Starts. 12.00-12.10pm Heggerty Haggerty. 1.20-130 News. *5.15-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Channel* Report. 6.15 Summer Extra. 6.30 A Chance to Meet. 6.40 Gardens for all. 7.10 PS Its Paul Squire. 7.40-9.30 Film: Jolly Bad Fellow. 10.34 Bosom Buddies. 11.00 I Simply Can't See. 11.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace* 12.35am Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 10.25 am-11.35 am *Hopalong Cassidy. 1.20 pm-1.30 News* and Lookaround. 3.30-4.00 Shine on Harvey Moon. 5.15-5.45 That Girl. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.10-7.40 PS It's Paul Squire. 10.32 I Simply Can't See. 11.00 Gangster Chronicles. 12.00 Keyholes Into Life. 12.05 am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25-9.30am First Thing. 10.25 Matt and Jenny on the Wilderness Trail. 11.50-12.00 Cartoon. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 England Their England. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 Summer at Six. 6.35 News. 6.40 Crossroads. 7.10-7.40 PS It's Paul Squires. 10.30 Nine to Five. 11.00 I Simply Can't See. 11.30 Doomsday. 12.00 News. 12.05am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE *As London except:* 10.25 am Nature of Things. 10.50 Japanese Mountain Family. 11.05 Sport Billy. 11.30-11.35 Professor Kitzel. 12.30 pm-1.00 Paint Along with Nancy. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Clegg's People. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00 Calendar. *6.45 Crossroads. 7.10-7.40* Carry on Laughing. 10.30 Past Masters. 11.00 I simply Can't See. 11.30 Star Class. 12.00 Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 10.25am Cartoon. *10.45-11.35 Tarzan. 1.20pm-1.30 News.* 3.30-4.00 Mork and Mindy. 5.15-5.45 Bygones. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.45 Crossroads. 7.10-7.4- PS It's Paul Squire. 10.30 Barclaycard Composer of the Year. 11.30 I Simply Can't See. 12.00 Portrait of a Legend. 12.30am Chairman's Wife. Closedown.

TSW As London except: 10.30am Once Upon A Time ... Man. 10.55 European Folk Tales. 11.10-12.00 Story Hour. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Transglobe Expedition. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Televiews. 6.40 Gardens For All. 7.10 PS It's Paul Squire. 7.40 Film: Jolly Bad Fellow (Leo McKern). 10.35 Bosum Buddies. 11.05 I Simply Can't See. 11.35 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.* 12.40am Postscript. *12.46 Closedown.*

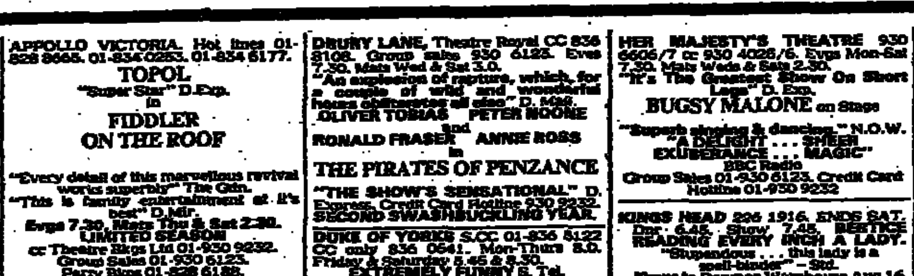
HTV WEST As London, except: 10.25 am Space 1999. 11.15 Foo-Foo. 11.25-11.35 Cartoon. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbilles*. 6.00 News. 6.45 Crossroads. 7.10 PS It's Paul Squire. 7.40-9.30 Film: Perfect Friday (Ursula Andress). 11.00 I Simply Can't See. 11.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace*. 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West, except: 6.00pm-6.45 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 By The Way.

GRANADA As London except: 10.30 am Once Upon a Time ... Man. 10.55 Dick Tracy. 11.00 3-2-1 Contact. 11.25 Freetime. 11.50-12.00 Wattoo Wattoo. 12.30 pm-1.00 House Calls. 1.20-1.30 Granada Reports. 2.00-2.30 Survival. 3.30-4.00 Albert Carter QOSO. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies*. 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 News. 6.35 In Profile. 7.10-7.40 PS It's Paul Squire. 10.30 Hill Street Blues. 11.30 Great Fights of the 70s. 12.30 am Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

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PROMS 83, ROYAL ALBERT HALL (01-589 8212) Tonight 7. Rossini: La Cenerentola. Donato Renzetti, Glyndebourne Chorus, London Philharmonic Orchestra, Glyndebourne Festival Opera.

THEATRES

ALBERY. Air Conditioning. S 836 3878 cc 379 6565/930 9232. Grp bkgs 836 3962/930 6123. Eves 8.0. Thur Mat 3.0. Sat 4.30 & 8.15 RON ALDRIDGE SARAH SCOTT CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD OVER 750 PERFORMANCES PLAY OF THE YEAR SWET 1981 "A MOVING LOVE STORY ... ENTERTAINS & ENRICHES" S. Exp "MAGICAL" D. Mail. Pre-show dinner Tournant d'Amour/Stalls £12.90.

ALDWYCH s cc 01-836 6404. 379 6233 Credit Cards only 836 0641. Mon-Fri 7.30 Sat 5.0 & 8.30. Wed mat 2.30. Grps 930 6123 GRIFF RHYS JONES with Bernard Bresslaw in CHARLEY'S AUNT "A very brilliant comedian ... doctors should be prepared to treat several hundred aching sides" D Exp. "WONDERFULLY FUNNY PERFORMANCE" Tms Season extended until Sept 24.

AMBASSADORS THEATRE 836 1171. Group sales 01-930 6123. Opens Tonight at 7.0. Evgs 8.0. Mats Tues 3.0, Sat 5.0 JANET SUZMAN IAN McKELLEN & NIGEL DAVENPORT in COWARDICE a new play by Sean Mathias. Directed by Anthony Page.

APOLLO VICTORIA. Hot lines 01-828 8665. 01-834 0283. 01-834 6177. TOPOL "Super Star" D.Exp. in FIDDLER ON THE ROOF "Every detail of this marvellous revival works superbly" The Gdn. "This is family entertainment at it's best" D.Mir. Evgs 7.30, Mats Thu & Sat 2.30. LIMITED SEASON cc Theatre Bkgs Ltd 01-930 9232. Group Sales 01-930 6123. Party Bkgs 01-828 6188.

ARTS THEATRE 836 3334. Evgs 8.0. Sat 5.0 & 8.0. ENGAGED A Farce by W. S. Gilbert. "Mercilessly honest & extremely funny" Tms.

ASTORIA THEATRE Charing Cross Rd. 01-437 6564/5/6 CC Hotline 01-930 9232. Group bookings 01-930 6123. Keith Prowse (no booking fee) 01-636 8686. Mon-Thurs 8pm. Fri and Sat 5pm and 8.30pm. JUKEBOX "The musical of the decades". Suitable for all the family. NOW BOOKING TO JANUARY '84.

BARBICAN. Air-cond. 01-628 8795 cc 01-638 8891 (Mon-Sat 10am-8pm). ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY BARBICAN THEATRE seats avail red. price reviews to Aug 16, eves 7.30. Sat mat 2.00 MACBETH "Clear, wonderfully staged, swift-moving" Obs. (runs 2hrs 50). Day seats £4 from 10am. THE PIT eves 7.30. Sat mat 2.00. ARDEN OF FAVERSHAM (anon) (sold out – runs 2hrs).

BLOOMSBURY, Gordon St. 387 9629. Until August 16. Evgs 8.0. George Coates Performance Works in THE WAY OF HOW. A Unique synthesis of theatre, opera, music, movement and lighting. August 17-19 at 7.30. Tebula Theatre (West Africa).

BUSH THEATRE 743 3388 LOVING RENO by Sneo Wilson Tom-Sun 8pm air conditioned.

CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE (0243 781312). PATRICIA HODGE in AS YOU LIKE IT Today (M&E) Sat (E) OMAR SHARIF IN THE SLEEPING PRINCE Tomor Sat (M). Evgs 7.30. Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30.

COMEDY THEATRE S 930 2578. cc Bkgs 839 1438. Grp Sales 930 6123. Mon-Fri 8, Thur Mat 3, Sat 5.15/8.15 (Not suitable for children.) STEAMING By Nell Dunn COMEDY OF THE YEAR SWET Award 1981 "SEXY LIFE-AFFIRMING SHOW." Tms. Over 750 performances LAST 4 WEEKS!

COTTESLOE (NT's small auditorium – low price tkts). Ton't, Tomor 7.30 SMALL CHANGE by Peter Gill. Tomor 7.30 THE BEGGAR'S OPERA.

CRITERION Air Cond S 930 3216 cc 379 6565 Grps 836 3962. Mon to Fri 8.30, Sat 5.30 & 8.30 THE TRIUMPHANT RETURN OF WOZA ALBERT! "SUPERLATIVE PERFORMANCES" Tms. "Rollicking humour, sharp satire ... stunningly original" Obs.

DONMAR WAREHOUSE Covent Garden S CC 379 6565. LAST 5 PERFS Ton't 8.0, Tomor & Sat 5.40 & 8.30 "He is the top boy in contemporary British theatre" Time STEVEN BERKOFF'S new play WEST "RICH COMEDY" S. Tel. "Funny, Witty, Clever" D Tel. SEASON MUST END SAT!

DRILL HALL Chenies St, WC1 637 8270/631 5107. Until August 20. Evgs 7.30 SISTREN THEATRE (Jamaica). Ton't 10.30 THE BOUNCING CZECHS.

DRURY LANE, Theatre Royal CC 836 8108. Group sales 930 6123. Evgs 8.0. Mats Wed & Sat 3.0. "An explosion of rapture, [illegible] a couple of wild and [illegible] house [illegible]" OLIVER TOBIAS PETER [illegible] and RONALD FRASER ANNIE [illegible] in THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE "THE SHOW'S SENSATIONAL" [illegible] Express. Credit Card Hotline [illegible] SECOND SWASHBUCKLING [illegible]

DUKE OF YORKS S.CC [illegible] CC only 836 0641. Mon-[illegible] Friday & Saturday 5.45 & [illegible] EXTREMELY FUNNY [illegible] "PIERCING COMEDY" [illegible] "COMPULSIVELY WATCHABLE" Sunday Express. "A SHINING GEM" [illegible] IAN OGILVY ANGELA THORNE STEPHANIE BEACHAM JAMES LAURENSON HAPPY FAMILY by GILES COOPER Directed by MARIA AITKEN.

FORTUNE Cov Gdn Air [illegible] 2238. CC hotline 930 9232 [illegible] 6123. Mon to Fri eves [illegible] Mats (Children [illegible] price) [illegible] Sat 5.30 DENIS LAWSON "Glorious" F. Times. [illegible] best performance in [illegible] CHRISTINA MATTHEWS [illegible] like an angel" D. M[illegible] MR CINDERS Music by Vivian Ellis [illegible] "... SHOULD ON NO [illegible] BE MISSED" S. Tel. MR CINDERS "INTOXICATING [illegible] PINK CHAMPAGNE" [illegible] NOW BOOKING FOR [illegible]

GARRICK CC S 01-836 [illegible] 8.00. Wed Mat 3.0, Sat 5.0 [illegible] 13th HYSTERICAL YEAR [illegible] RUNNING COMEDY IN THE [illegible] NO SEX, PLEASE WE'RE BRITISH 2 HOURS OF NON-STOP L[illegible] Directed by Allan D[illegible] Group Sales Box Office 01-[illegible] Credit Card Hotline 01-[illegible] OVER 5,000 FANTASTIC [illegible]

GLOBE cc [illegible] Andrew Lloyd Webber presents the smash hit comedy [illegible] season DAISY PULLS IT OFF by Denise Deegan Directed by David Gilmore "HILARIOUS" [illegible] "FULL MARKS FOR DAISY" [illegible] "I'd be surprised if a more [illegible] evening than this came up [illegible]" Financial Times Eves 8.00 Mats Wed 3.00 [illegible] Group Sales 930 6123 "THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE [illegible] AND A SCREAM" S Times

GREENWICH 01-858 7755 [illegible] pm. SUSANNAH YORK [illegible] BLACKMAN in AGNES [illegible] Sat mat 4.00 pm.

HAMPSTEAD THEATRE [illegible] 722 9301. BAD LANGUAGE [illegible] Dusty Hughes. Evgs 8.0 [illegible] 4.30. "Bad Language is [illegible] Std. "A World where [illegible] humour, passion & [illegible] vividly live together" [illegible]

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL [illegible] 9832 Group Sales 01-[illegible] For a limited season. ALAN BATES MICHAEL GOUGH GEORGE MURCELL JUNE RITCHIE DAVID [illegible] and HARRY ANDREWS in the Chichester Festival [illegible] production of JOHN OSBORNE'S A PATRIOT FOR ME Directed by Ronald [illegible] "John Osborne's [illegible] Times. "A major play [illegible] restored to the English [illegible] "A rich & rare theatrical [illegible] envy of any stage co. in [illegible]" Punch. "A magnificently [illegible] of Theatre" Spectator. Eve[illegible] Sats at 2.30. Please note no [illegible] matinee.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE 930 6606/7 cc 930 4025/6. Evgs Mon-Sat 7.30. Mats Weds & Sats 2.30. "It's The Greatest Show On Short Legs" D. Exp. BUGSY MALONE on Stage "Superb singing & dancing." N.O.W. "A DELIGHT ... SHEER EXUBERANCE ... MAGIC" BBC Radio Group Sales 01-930 6123. Credit Card Hotline 01-930 9232

KINGS HEAD 226 1916. ENDS SAT. Dnr 6.45. Show 7.45. BERTICE READING EVERY INCH A LADY. "Stupendous ... this lady is a spell-binder" – Std. Trans to Donmar Warehouse Aug 16

LA VIE EN ROSE CC. Gt. Windmill Street W1. 437 6312/8380 RESTAURANT CABARET, BAR, LASER DISCO Nightly at 11 pm. THE SPECTACULAR GLAMOROUS REVUE. BIZZARE. A BIG BRASH MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA. WITH A HUGE CAST OF INTERNATIONAL ARTISTES. "Genuinely spectacular ... decadence with style" Standard. "Lavish late-night entertainment" [illegible] Exp. "Sophistication ... the cabaret is spot on target" F.T. 8 pm – 2 am. Admission for Non-Diners £10.

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL of THEATRE (LIFT) August 8-20. All over London. Bloomsbury, ICA, Drill Hall, Lyric Hammersmith, Riverside, Almeida, Battersea Arts Centre. Late Night Cabaret music at Festival Club Drill Hall. Ring LIFT or Venues for details. Tel. 637 8270, 631 5107, 637 9821.

LONDON PALLADIUM 01-437 7373. Evgs 7.30, Mats Wed & Sat 2.45. FIRST EVER STAGE PRODUCTION TOMMY STEELE in SINGIN' IN THE RAIN with ROY CASTLE "SINGIN' IN THE RAIN HAS BROUGHT THE BIG LAVISH MUSICAL BACK TO THE WEST END WITH A VENGEANCE. LAVISH SETS, SUPERB HOLLYWOOD COSTUMES, GLITTERING BUSBY BERKELEY DANCE ROUTINES". Daily Express. "A TRIUMPH FOR STEELE." S. Tel. CREDIT CARD HOTLINES: TEL 01-437 7373 or 01-437 2055. NOW BOOKING TO JUNE 1984.

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH s cc 741 2311. Evgs 7.45. Mat August 20 at 2.30. LIFT '83 NAYA THEATRE (India). LYRIC STUDIO: Until Sat. Evgs 8.0. LIFT '83 INTERNATIONAL VISUAL THEATRE (France). From Mon NATSU NAKAJIMA (Japan).

LYRIC THEATRE 437 3686 'S' c.c. Group Sales 930 6123. Evgs 7.30. Fri & Sat 5.0 & 8.15. "The best British Musical since Jesus Christ Superstar" T Out BARBARA DICKSON in BLOOD BROTHERS The WILLY RUSSELL Musical. "IS BRILLIANT" Gdn "A TRIUMPH ... SEE IT" City Limits

LYTTELTON (NT's proscenium stage). Last 4 perfs Ton't. Tomor 7.45. Sat 3.00 & 7.45 A MAP OF THE WORLD by David Hare – Ton't 6.00 Jumbee and the Weasel 45 mins platform perf all tkts £1.50.

MAYFAIR s cc 629 3036 Mon-Thur 8, Fri & Sat 6 & 8.30 RICHARD TODD Eric Lander, Brigid O'Hara in THE BUSINESS OF MURDER "The best thriller for years" S.Mir. "An unabashed winner" S.Ex. "A thriller that achieves it all. Sensational" Times. "The most ingenious mystery to have appeared in a decade. A play to be seen" [illegible] THIRD GREAT YEAR OVER 1,000 PERFORMANCES

MERMAID THEATRE Air conditioned theatre. 01-236 5568. CC 01-236 5324. Grp Sales 930 6123. Mon to Thurs 8.0 Fri/Sat 6.45 & 9.15. TOYAH WILLCOX in TRAFFORD TANZI by Claire Luckham "THE FASTEST AND FUNNIEST SHOW LONDON HAS SEEN IN YEARS" Standard. MUST END AUG 20.

NATIONAL THEATRE. S cc 928 2252. FOR REPERTOIRE SEE SEPARATE ENTRIES UNDER OLIVIER/LYTTELTON/COTTESLOE. Excellent cheap seats day of perf all 3 theatres. Also standby from 10am on day of perf. Car park. Restaurant 928 2033. Credit card bkgs 928 5933. Air conditioning. TOURS OF THE BUILDING daily (inc backstage) £1.50. Info 633 0880.

NEW END THEATRE Annie Wobbler by Arnold Wesker. Nil McAuliffe "Spellbinding" Gdn. "Exhilarating ... Revelation" Times. 01-435 6053. Tues Fri 8pm. Sat & Sun 8.30.

NEW LONDON cc Drury Lane WC2 01-405 0072 or 01-404 4079. Evgs 7.45 Tues & Sat 3.0 & 7.45. THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER/T. S. ELIOT INTERNATIONAL AWARD WINNING MUSICAL CATS Group Bookings 01-405 1567 or 930 6123 Apply daily to Box Office for returns. LATECOMERS NOT ADMITTED WHILE AUDITORIUM IS IN MOTION. PLEASE BE PROMPT. Bars open 6.45pm. NOW BOOKING TO JAN '84

OLD VIC SEE SIX GREAT SHOWS FOR AS LITTLE AS £10! SUBSCRIBERS GET BEST SEATS. BOOK NOW! Re-opens October with Tim Rice & Stephen Oliver's new musical BLONDEL Timothy West in MASTER CLASS Gilbert & Sullivan's operetta THE MIKADO The award-winning new play SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE PALACE Albert Finney in SERJEANT MUSGRAVE'S DANCE An all-star production of THE BOY FRIEND. Subscription booking now open. Tel. 01-928 7616 for leaflet or ring 01-261 1821 for instant credit card bkg. The Old Vic is air conditioned for your comfort.

OLIVIER (NT's open stage): Last 2 perfs Today 2.00 (Low price mat) & 7.15 LORENZACCIO by de Musset. Tomor 7.15 THE RIVALS. (Previews from 25 Aug. Opens 1 Sept Tales From Hollywood).

OPEN AIR THEATRE, REGENT'S PARK S 486 2431 CC 930 9232 BASHVILLE The new Bernard Shaw musical. "Great fun" "Charming, Elegt Stylish." D. Tel. Today & Fri 8.00. Mats Today & Sat 2.30. A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM Sat 7.45.

PALACE 437 6834 cc 437 8327 NOW BOOKING THROUGH 1983 "ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S LATEST TRIUMPH" D Exp. SONG AND DANCE Starring LULU in TELL ME ON A SUNDAY and GRAHAM FLETCHER in VARIATIONS "AN EXPLOSION OF MAGIC SUPERB STUFF – RUN TO IT" S Times. Eves 8.0. Fri & Sat 5.45 & 8.30 Some good seats still available most perfs. Group sales 437 6834/930 6123. SECOND GREAT YEAR

PICCADILLY. Air Conditioning. Open from 7.00pm to 2.00am. COCKTAILS – SUPPER – DANCING – MIDNIGHT CABARET. Nightly at 9pm A CABARET MUSICAL "Y" Starring Arturo Brachetti & Nicola Kimber Directed by Jean Marie Riviere "A REMARKABLE NIGHT OUT" Gdn. "TREMENDOUS SPECTACLE ... TREMENDOUS FUN" BBC AN EVENING FROM £3.50 Reservations 437 4506. Credit cards 379 6565/930 9232. Grps 836 3962.

PICCADILLY – Entrance from 11pm £5. Licensed until 2am. Music, Dancing, Midnight Cabaret. This week: COTTON TOPS. Supper avail.

PRINCE EDWARD. Tel 01-437 6877 Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's EVITA Directed by Harold Prince. Evgs. 8.0. Mats Thurs & Sat at 3.0. Evg. perfs end 10.15. C.C. Hotline 439 8499. Group Sales 930 6123 or Box Office.

PRINCE OF WALES 930 8681. Back in the West End THE NEW MIKADO "Exuberant, gorgeously colourful production" F.T. "A terrific night out ... don't miss it" NOW From Aug 16. Box Office Open.

QUEEN'S, SCC 01-734 1166: 439 3849/4031: Group Sales 01-930 6123. Evenings 8.00. Mat Wed 3.00. Sat 5.15, 8.30. PLAY OF THE YEAR Society of West End Theatre Award 'ANOTHER COUNTRY' by Julian Mitchell.

RAYMOND REVUEBAR cc 734 1593. Mon-Sat 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m. Paul Raymond presents THE FESTIVAL OF EROTICA. Now! New acts. New thrills. New sensations for this our SILVER JUBILEE 1958-1983.

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS 01-748 3354. La Compagnia del Collettivo from Parma, Italy, present: Ton't. HAMLET: Tomor to Tues (No perfs Mon) MACBETH: Aug 18 to 21 HENRY IV: All perfs 7.30 pm. "A Stunning triumph" F.T.

ROYAL COURT (Air Conditioned) S CC 730 1745. Joint Stock in FEN BY CARYL CHURCHILL "Brilliant" Village Voice. "Superb" Time Mag. "Magnificent" C. Limits. Evgs 8.0. Sat Mat 4.0. Mon Evg & Sat Mat all seats £2

ROYAL COURT THEATRE UPSTAIRS 730 2554. FALKLAND SOUND. Evgs. 7.30. Mat. Sat. 4.30. "The Best Play in London" Obs. Must End August 20.

SAVOY. 836 8888. Credit cards only 01-836 0641. Monday-Friday evgs. 7.45. Mats Wed 3.0 Sats 5.0 & 8.30. BEST COMEDY OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award AND Society of West End Theatre Award BENJAMIN WHITROW PHYLLIDA LAW ROBERT FLEMYNG JOHN QUAYLE GABRIELLE DRAKE GLYN GRAIN in MICHAEL FRAYN'S NEW COMEDY NOISES OFF Directed by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE. "THE FUNNIEST PLAY I HAVE EVER SEEN IN THE WEST-END" Times.

SHAFTESBURY Shaftesbury Avenue THE THEATRE OF COMEDY "A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" D.Mail RICHARD BRIERS BERNARD CRIBBINS RUN FOR YOUR WIFE Written and Directed by RAY COONEY. Evgs. 8.0. Mats Wed 2.30, Sats 5.30 & 8.30. (LOW PRICES MON, THURS) MATS WED. LOW PRICES £1.00 to £5.00. Box Office 836 6596 or 836 4255. Credit Card Hotlines 01-930 9232 (8 lines) Group Sales 01-930 6123. FROM AUGUST 29 ERIC SYKES & TERRY SCOTT

STRAND WC2 01-836 2660/4143. Credit Cards only 01-836 0641. Evgs 7.30. Wed 2.30. Sat 5.0 & 8.30 BEST PLAY OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award AND Plays & Players London Critics Award FELICITY KENDAL ROGER REES in TOM STOPPARD'S new play THE REAL THING with Polly Adams, Jeremy Clyde Directed by Peter Wood

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789) 295623. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY in THE COMEDY OF ERRORS Today 1.30 Tonight & Mon 7.30. HENRY VIII "... a constant feast for the eyes" Spectator. Sat 1.30. JULIUS CAESAR "... vigorous new production" F. Times. Sat 7.30. For special meal/theatre deals and hotel stopover ring 0789 67262.

ST. MARTIN'S, 836 1443. Special CC No 930 9232 Evgs. 8.00 Tues. 2.45. Sats 5.00 & 8.00 AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP 31st YEAR SORRY. No reduced prices from any source, but seats bookable from £3.00 FULLY AIR COND THEATRE.

VAUDEVILLE THEATRE, WC2. 836 9988 cc 01-930 9232 (8 lines). Group Sales 930 6123. PETER USTINOV, ROBIN BAILEY in BEETHOVEN'S TENTH a new play by Peter Ustinov. Directed by Robert Chetwyn. "Dazzlingly delightful, a brilliant piece of light entertainment" Gdn. "Witty and amusing" D. Tel. "Monstrously funny performance" D Mail Evgs 8. Mats Weds 2.45, Sats 4.30. LAST 3 DAYS MUST END SAT. of a limited season only. Red. price Prevs. from Aug. 17. Opens August 25 at 7. GLENDA JACKSON in GREAT & SMALL a New Play.

VICTORIA PALACE 834 1317. ROBIN COUSINS ELECTRIC ICE From Aug 22 for 8 wks only. Adv Box Office now open.

WYNDHAM'S Air Cond S 836 3028 cc 379 6565/930 9232. Grps 836 3962. Eves 8.15. Wed Mat 3.0. Sat 5.00 & 8.30. SIR JOHN MILLS "What a night, What a Knight!" D. Ml. ANTHONY BATE CONNIE BOOTH PAUL HARDWICK in LITTLE LIES "THE BEST FUN TO BE HAD" Daily Tele. "MADHOUSE" Times.

YOUNG VIC (Waterloo) 928 6363. The Beatles Musical. JOHN PAUL GEORGE RINGO ... and BERT. By Willy Russell. 7.45pm. Tkts £2.50.

CINEMAS

ACADEMY 1. 437 2981. Margarethe Von Trotta's FRIENDS AND HUSBANDS (15). Progs 2.15 (not Sun). 4.20, 6.30, 8.45.

ACADEMY 2. 437 5129. Rohmer's prize-winning PAULINE AT THE BEACH (15) Progs 2.35 (not Sun). 4.40, 6.45, 8.50.

ACADEMY 3. 437 8819. Marcel Carne's LE JOUR SE LEVE (prog. 15). Progs 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. "Absolutely marvellous" Dilys Powell.

CAMDEN PLAZA. 485 2443 opp. Camden Town Tube. Bergman's FANNY AND ALEXANDER (15). Progs 3.20, & 7.15.

CLASSIC HAYMARKET Piccadilly Circus 839 1527. MICHAEL CAINE, JULIE WALTERS EDUCATING RITA (15). Progs 1.50 (not Sun). 4.00, 6.10, 8.30.

CURZON, Curzon St W1. 01-499 3737. Julie Christie, Shashi Kapoor, in Heat and Dust (15) Film at 1.00 (not Sun) 3.30, 6.00 & 8.35 pm "It is quite simply superb" D Tel, "See it and marvel" F.T. Seventh record-breaking month.

GATE BLOOMSBURY, 1 & 2. 837 8402/1177. Russell Sq Tube. 1: ANOTHER TIME, ANOTHER PLACE(15) 4.45, 6.45, 8.45 2: THE PLOUGHMANS LUNCH (15) 5.00, 7.00, 9.00. Lic'd Bar. Maj cred cds accep. Air conditioned.

GATE MAYFAIR 493 2031. MAYFAIR HOTEL, Stratton Street, Green Pk Tb. Scorsese's THE KING of COMEDY (PG) 5.00 7.00 9.05. Air conditioned.

GATE NOTTING HILL 221 0220: 727 5750. RUNNERS (15) 3.00, 5.00 7.00, 9.00. Maj cred cds accept.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE (930 5252). RETURN OF THE JEDI (U). Sep progs. Dly 1.40, 5.10, 8.40. Morning Show Sat 10.20 a.m. Late Night Show Fri & Sat 12.00 Midnight. No Advance Booking.

LUMIERE CINEMA 836 0691. St Martin's Lane, WC2. (Leicester Square Tube.) Francis Coppola's ONE FROM THE HEART (15). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.25, 8.50. Access/Visa. No Smoking. Air conditioned.

MINEMA 45 Knightsbridge 235-4225 Roberto Rossellini's masterpiece "THE RISE TO POWER OF LOUIS XIV" (U) Daily: 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00, "Highly recommended" THE GUARDIAN.

ODEON HAYMARKET (930 2738) WALT DISNEY'S FANTASIA (U). A new Digital Recording in Full Stereophonic Sound. Sep progs Dly 1.50, 5.00, 8.10. All seats bookable at Box Office or by post.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111). For info. 930 4250, 4259. OCTOPUSSY (PG). Sep progs. Doors open daily 1.00, 4.15, 7.40. Late Night Show Fri, Sat. Doors open 11.15pm Advance Booking for all performances at Box Office or by post. Access and Visa accepted 24 hours in Advance. There will be no 7.40 performance on Wed Aug 17.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH W2 (723 2011) RETURN OF THE JEDI (U). Sep progs. Doors open Daily 1.00, 4.30, 7.60. Late Night Show Fri, Sat. Doors 11.10pm. All seats bookable (not Late Night Show) at Box Office (Open every day 1.00pm-8.00pm) or by post. Reduced prices for children.

SCREEN ON THE HILL 435 3366. (Belsize Pk tube.) Robert de Niro in KING OF COMEDY (PG) 2.30; 4.35; 7.00, 9.00.

WARNER WEST END 1 Leicester Square 439 0791. MICHAEL CAINE, JULIE WALTERS EDUCATING RITA (15). Mon-Sat Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25. Sun 3.30, 5.45, 8.00.

WARNER WEST END LEIC. SQ. (439 0791) 3. Richard Attenborough's Film GANDHI (PG). Doors 2.00, 6.45pm. No Advance Booking. 4. Dustin Hoffman in TOOTSIE (PG). Doors 1.15 (not Suns), 3.35, 5.55, 8.15 pm. No Advance Booking.

ART GALLERIES

AGNEW GALLERY 3 Albemarle St, W1. 629 6176. ITALY SEEN BY OUTSIDERS Until 30 Sept. (gallery closed 29 Aug.-9 Sept) Mon-Fri. 9.30-5.30.

ANTHONY d'OFFAY 9 & 23 Dering St. W1. Lucien Pissarro, European Works on Paper. 499 4695

ANTHONY REED 1st floor, 3 Cork Street, W1. 437 0157. DAVID COX BICENTENARY EXHIBITION Mon-Fri 10-6. Until 12 August

BANKSIDE GALLERY, 48 Hopton Street, Blackfriars, London SE1. Tel: 01-928 7521. Open Exhibition of Contemporary British Water-Colours organised by the Royal Society of Painters in Water-Colours. 15th July-16th August. Tues-Sats. 10am-5pm. *Suns 2pm-6pm. Closed Mons.*

BRITISH LIBRARY, Great Russell Street, WC1. THE MIRROR OF THE WORLD: antiquarian maps. Until 31 December. Weekdays 10-5 Sundays 2.30-6. Admission free

BRITISH MUSEUM Sporting Life. Prints, drawings, watercolours & posters of British sport during the past 250 years. Until 18 September. Mon-Sat 10-5. Suns 2.30-6. Adm free. Recorded information 01-580 1788.

CRANE KALMAN GALLERY 178 Brompton Rd, SW3. 01-584 7566. "THE NICHOLSONS" Sir Wm. Nicholson, Ben Nicholson, O.M. Winifred Nicholson. Dame Barbara Hepworth etc. Extended thru' August. Daily 10-6 Sats. 10-4.

FINE ART SOCIETY, 148 New Bond Street, London. 01-629 5116 Art of Cricket Exhibition, sponsored by John Player & Sons.

LEFEVRE GALLERY, 30 Bruton St., W1. 01-493 1572/3. Contemporary paintings on view. Mon-Fri 10-5 and Sats 10-12.45.

MARLBOROUGH 6 Albemarle St., W1. HENRY MOORE – 85th Birthday Exhibition until 13 August (Illus Cat £10). 01-629 5161. Mon-Fri 10-5.30. Sats 10-12.30.

ROYAL ACADEMY, Burlington House, Piccadilly. Open 10-6 daily. The Summer Exhibition until Aug 28. Adm £2. Sundays until 1.45 and concessionary rate £1, Mondays 50p.

TATE GALLERY, Millbank, SW1. Making Sculpture. Until 14 August. Adm free. Wkdys 10-5.50. Suns 2-5.50. Recorded information 01-821 7128

VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM, S Kensington. ARTISTS OF THE TUDOR COURT: The Portrait Miniature Rediscovered 1520-1620. Until 6 November. Adm £2 DRESS COLLECTION OPEN HENRY COLE WING OPEN (Prints, Drawings, Paintings, Photographs & Exhibitions). OLIVER MESSEL Theatre Designer. Until 30 October. THE COMMON CHRONICLE. Archival Treasures from Record Offices Until 11 Sept. Adm. free Wkdys 10-5.30. Suns 2.30-5.30. Closed Fridays. Recorded information 01-581 4894.

Steel warned of pressure to move party left

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mr David Steel, who is oppose challenges to his leadership over the contents of the Liberal manifesto, was given fresh warning yesterday of an attempt by activists, including some MPs, to take the paty well to the left of the path on which he is lending it in alliance with the Social Democrats.

Mr Michael Meadowcroft, the recently elected MP for Leeds, West, who has always been a sceptic on the Alliance because of the fear that the Social-Democrats would blunt the radical edge of Liberal policies, made clear his belief that the Alliance should not be too interested in recruiting any future right-wing defectors from the Labour Party. He set out a programme of policies which appeared more likely to find *favour with Labour's left wing.*

Much of the activist dissatisfaction over Mr Steel's style of leadership arose from his refusal to accept as a manifesto commitment the decision by the Liberal assembly two years ago to reject the installation of cruise missiles in Britain.

The Young Liberals, along *with a new activist grouping* called Campaign 83, will be attempting to remove Mr Steel's control over the manifesto at next month's assembly and to give the party more say over the content of political broadcasts.

Three *MPs*, Mr Cyril Smith, Mr David Alton and Mr Simon Hughes, are also leading a *campaign* to have an elected deputy leader, an elected chief whip, and an elected chairman of the parliamentary Liberal Party.

Mr Steel, who is recovering fast from *his virus infection*, was said by his close associates yesterday to be "fairly relaxed" *over the possible post of deputy* leader, but determined to oppose all the other constitutional proposals, particularly any that would remove his veto on the manifesto.

The activities of the "Meadowcroft Tendency", as it is called by those close to the Liberal leader, are regarded *more seriously, however*, because they pose a fundamental challenge to the future political direction of the Alliance favoured by Mr Steel.

Mr Meadowcroft and his supporters believe that the Alliance should be going all out for support from organizations like the Campaign for Nuclear *Disarmament and civil rights* campaigners, and striving for what he called yesterday a "realignment of the left".

Addressing the London Liberal Party at County Hall, Mr Meadowcroft said the *Liberals* must maintain their commitment to the principles of liberty and community, support for decentralism, their work for peace and "an ecologically sound" society.

"Those now thinking of leaving the Labour Party have done nothing in their past to suggest they could back such *policies", he added.*

● Prominent Liverpool Liberals have approached Mrs Shirley Williams, the SDP president, to ask her to stand in the European Parliament elections next year for the new Merseyside West constituency

Loch Ness and the making of a myth





The hunters: The New Atlantis packed with electronic detection equipment and, right, Mr James Hogan.

Claimed sightings

The first recorded sighting was in May, 1933, when the *Inverness Courier* reported that a Mrs Mackay of Drumnadrochit had seen it on April 14, 1933. She now says she saw it in March.

Since then there have been about 3,000 reported sightings.

Dec 1933. *Secretary of State for* Scotland turns down a request for assistance from the Air *Ministry in the search.* First pictures taken.

April 1934. Robert Kenneth Wilson, a London surgeon, photographs the monster from 150 yds.

August 1937. Head and humps seen by hundreds of holiday makers.

May 1947. Mr J W McKillop, clerk to Inverness County Council reports to council that he has seen it. Attempt to coopt it as honorary member of council fails.

Nov 1975. Dr Robert Rines, an American scientist claims to have four *photographs* taken by automatic underwater cameras on *June 19* an 20. They are image enhanced by computer and doubt is cast on their authenticity.

Of men and monsters and mucking about in boats

A technological net is closing firmly around the Loch Ness enigma. According to Mr James Hogan, head of a company which hires to would-*be monster hunters, the New Atlantis*, a vessel packed with electronic detection equipment, there has never been such a year when so many people have tried to prove or debunk the famous legend, (Ronald Faux writes from Drumnadrochit).

"There must be £500,000 of gear out on the loch at the moment all trying to track down whatever is there," Mr Hogan says.

The searchers include two schoolteachers armed *with a strong telescope who have spent their* holidays for the past five years scanning the loch. They saw "something" five years ago but failed to photograph it.

At the opposite end of the scale is Mr Roger Parker, chairman of a diving and electronics company in the West Country, whose launch contains £100,000 of side scanning sonar, hydrophones, image intensifiers and video recorders which track everything that stirs, swims or breathes near the boat. "It can hear anything within a four-mile radius", Mr Parker says.

His interest has spanned nine years, ever since he made sonar contact with an object more than *40 ft long which suddenly dived from 50 ft to 250* ft in less than seven seconds.

Two New Yorkers, Mr Rikki Razdan and Mr Alan Kielar of Iscan Inc, Rochester, have moored an 80 ft square raft in Urquhart Bay, a favourite place for monster sightings.

The largest headlines this season have been made by Mr Erik Backjord, of the Cryptozoological Society of the United States, who has set up *a constant video scan* of the loch and claims to have sighted a family of the beasts, "some kind of aquatic dinosaur" he hazarded.

The elusive creature allegedly cruising the lightless depths of the loch is still a myth believed with certainty by some, dismissed by others as waterlogged driftwood, the wake of a passing boat, or a large otter.

Serious research by British Loch Ness specialists has produced 40 strong and unexplained sonar contacts.

Meanwhile 100,000 people visit the exhibition every year. The 4,000 documented sightings (not all taken seriously) continues to grow, yet neither *hair nor hide* has yet been produced. There lies the rub. But as Mr Hogan points out, there are few things more pleasent on an August afternoon than messing about in a boat seeking a monster.

Royal rivals oust Swazi queen

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg

The Great She-Elephant of Swaziland will trumpet no more. Queen Dzeliwe, who has ruled the tiny kingdom as Regent since the death of King Sobhuza II a year ago, has been removed from office. According to some sources, she had brought a note of more than usual female asperity into dealings with the tribal elders.

An *announcement in a* government gazette published in Mbabane, the capital, yesterday said that she is to be replaced as Regent by Queen Ntombi, whi is also one of King Sobhuza's more than 100 widows. It is also believed that she is the mother of Prince Makhosimyelo, aged 15, who is said to be heir to the throne and is at school in Dorset.

Queen Ntombi, who is in her early 40s, will assume the title of *Indlovukazi*, Great She-Elephant, but the elders clearly hope that her trumpet will be less shrill.

Swaziland, sandwiches between South Africa and Mozambique, has been in a state of constitutional upheaval since the death at the ae of 83 last August of King Sobhuza, the absulute monarch for 61 years.

Queen Dzeliwe's removal from office is thought to have been engineered by the powerful royal clan, The Dlamini family.

Another important issue has been the pressure by South Africa on Swaziland to take over 2,000 square miles of the Kangwane bantustan in the eastern Transvaal and part of the Kwazulu homeland in northern *Natal – and at the* same time assimulate 750,000 black Africans who Pretoria considers to be Swazis.

The royalists appear to have won the latest round in Swaziland's struggle to find a compromise between its traditional way of life and a role in modern Africa.

$25m Taiwan shipping fraud halted by court

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toys, *which meant* about 50,000 items", Mr Arora said.

Other goods which have either already arrived in Britain or are on their way include clothes, cosmetics and pharmaceuticals.

"He had bought the goods and gone to several shipping lines in Taiwan in order to disguise the fact that he was shipping out so much", Mr Arora said.

"Because the bills of lading (the routine shipping documents) were made out 'bearer to order' any person presenting them at a British port could collect the containers. All they had to do was to pay the freighting costs.

"Consignees were put down as companies which do not exist, although three bills of landing were changed to a company *in Palmers Green*, London, which was formed only last February, with £100 nominal capital and with just two £1 shares issued."

That company was named in the injunction.

Mr Arora is going back to Taipei to make out affidavits The injunction is for one week.

French deny Chad policy shift

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● PARIS: French Government officials were adamant yesterday that the sending of 180 paratroops to Chad as instructors and advisers signalled no shift in policy (Roger Beardwood writes).

A spokesman at the Foreign Ministry emphasized that *secondment of personnel* for training, advisory and logistical purposes was covered by the 1976 accord between the two countries.

Even so, many observers here viewed the airlifting of the troops as a token French response to American pressure for more direct involvement.

M Charles Hernu, Defence Minister, countered accusations of American influence by declaring: "France has not *decided to internationalize* the conflict. That decision was taken by Libya."

He emphasized that French troops have been sent to Chad after full consultations between himself and M Claude Cheysson, the Foreign Minister.

● WASHINGTON: United States officials welcomed France's decision to send paratroops (Mohsin Ali writes).

They emphasized that the Reagan Administration and the French Government were in very close consultation on ways of assistig Chad against "Libyan aggression".

The State Department spokesman refused to give details of what discussions had taken place, but he said that they were detailed and there was "excel*lent cooperation*" between Washington and Paris.

However, American officials *have also indicated* that they would like France to take a bigger lead.

●MOSCOW A Libyan delegation is holding talks in Moscow with Soviet Military leaders, officials at the Libyan People's Bureau Embassy said. (Reuter reports).

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New exhibitions

Examples of modern Caligraphy, a selection of work by members of the Society of Scribes and Illuminators (until Aug 26); and James McBey centenary exhibition (until *Aug 27) Aberdeen Art Gallery*, School Hill, Aberdeen; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Thurs 10 to 8, Sun 2 to 5.

Summer exhibition: includes miniatures by Wendy Zollinger and works by George Guest, Trevor Grimshaw, Donald Crossley, Bohuslav Barlow and Tom Durkin, The Looking Glass Gallery, 53 Halifax Road, Todmorden Lancs; Tues to Sat 10 to 5.30) until Sept 24).

Textile crafts: hand spinning, lace making, embroidery, rag rug-making: Townley Hall Art Gallery and Museum, Townley Park, Burnley; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sun 12 to 5 (until October 2).

Paintings and Watercolours 1968-82, by Michael Cullimore, The Minories, 74 High Street, Colchester, Tues to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to 6 (until September 4).

Pace Setters III – painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, ceramics and textiles selected for the City Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate, Peterborough, Tues to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun and Mon (*until September 3*).

Paul Klee 1879-1940, his life and work; Julio Gonzales, 1876-1942, drawings; Homage to Miro for his ninetieth birthday, presented by Joaquim Gomis; Tolly Cobbold Eastern Arts fourth national exhibition; four exhibitions running concurrently at the Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 *to 5 (until September 18).*

The Octagon Summer Show, a display of crafts, Octagon Gallery, 1 Lower Crescent, Belfast; Tues to Sat 10 to 1.30 and 2.15 to 5 (until September 3).

The human form, Alick Knox and Catherine McWilliams, Peacock Gallery, Craigavon, Northern Ireland; Mon to Fri 10 to 5 (until August 31).

Main Street bygones – exhibition of an Ulster Street, c 1900, at the Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh, Northern Ireland; Mon to Sat *10.30 to 6.30*, Sun and Bank holidays 11.30 to 7 (until August 31).

Last chance to see

Paintings by Mary Rose Hardy and Sidney Sadgrove, Tunbridge Wells Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Mount *Pleasant*, Tunbridge Wells; 10 to 5.30 (ends today).

Music

Recital by Graham Skrivener (clarinet) and Tony Gray (piano), St Mary's Centre, Aylesbury, 1.10.

Recital by Nigel Kennedy (violin) and Peter Pettinger (piano), Sutton Place Heritage Trust, Sutton Place, near Guilford, Surrey, 7.30.

First Rostropovich Festival: the Britten-Pears Orchestra, conducted by Mstislav Rostropovich, with Peter Pears, Snape Maltings, Aldeburgh, 7.30.

Film

Don Giovani, Aberdeen Art Gallery, 7.30.

General

Getting the Message: for children and young people, Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 11.

Elvaston Castle County Show, Country Park, off Borrowash Road, Elvaston, Derby, 11 to 6.

Parachute jump for charity, Headcorn Para Centre, Kent, 2.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No. 16,205

ACROSS

1 It can put a gloss on an obscure passage (5).
4 Complaint that may have to be dealt with in the Appendix (9).
9 Quick results from this device for moving logs (5-4).
10 Place where the lion had a nerve (5).
11 Like hothouse atmosphere in which Polly Peachum idled (5).
12 Kind of paper used for reports? (9).
13 Realist made cross at St Andrew's (7).
15 Plant that could be the ruin of Women's Lib? (7).
18 Hide letter dropped from mail carrier (7).
20 Wild idea may ring a bell with an artist (7).
21 Vain display with a severe hairstyle (9).
23 Intransigent supporter of a large part of the Bible (5).
25 Estimated value of orchid in two words (5).
26 Athens, Milton's "mother of arts and —" (9).
27 Born hater can easily become hateful (9).
28 Midlothian's seat of love (5).

DOWN

1 In a hurry, so take a wild shot in stick-up (4-5).
2 Language of love in the S of France coming up (5).
3 Routine drudgery of the wine factory? (9).
4 Leave with pain after kind of turn, but may be a good colour (7).
5 Expel from burrow that's damaging the Arun (7).
6 Blunder by Law, we hear (5).
7 *The press etc* in time changing without delay (9).
8 Darling who didn't live in a Wendy house (5).
14 Can this unmercenary union inflame passion? (4-5).
16 Fix huntsman's trophy in the bath-room (4-5).
17 It's the making of the Law! (9).
19 Make a meaningful sound when you call me (7).
20 Find fault – nothing right with cover for driver (7).
21 Deposit on a jacket (5).
22 Summer creeper (5).
24 Port in this cake? (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,204

CONCISE CROSSWORD, PAGE 6

Anniversaries

Births: Joseph Nollckens, sculptor, *London, 1737*; *Christiaan* Eijkman, Physician, Nobel Laureate 1929, Nijkerk, The Netherlands, 1858; Hugh MacDiarmid (Christopher Murray Grieve), poet, Langholme, Dumfries, 1890. Deaths: John Murray Newman, cardinal, Birmingham, 1890; Andrew Carnegie, industrialist and philanthorpist, Lenox, Massachusetts, 1919.

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New books – paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
Buried Inside Extra, by Thomas Babe (Methuen with the Royal Court Theatre, £1.95).
Cosmos, by Carl Sagan (Futura, £2.95).
Give us a Break, by Geoff McQueen (Futura, £1.75).
Political Ideas of the English Civil Wars, 1641-1649, by Andrew Sharp (Longman, £5.95).
Reinhart's Women, by Thomas Berger (Methuen, £2.95).
The House of Cards, by Leon Garfield (Methuen, £1.95).
The Jumblies & The Dong with a Luminous Nose, by Edward Lear, illustrated by Edward Gorey (Methuen, £2.50).
The Maharajah and Other Stories, by T H White (Futura, £2.50).
The Not Another Book of Old Photographs Book, by M Honeysett (Methuen, £1.95.
Woza Albert! by Percy Mtwa, Mbongeni Ngema and Barney Simon (Methuen, £2.95).
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The papers

The Vatican showed contempt for indigenous culture in forcing the resignation of the Zambian churchman, Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo of Lusaka, for his African-style faith healings, The Herald of Zimbabwe commented yesterday.

The national daily accused unnamed members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy of having a "holier-than-thou attitude" and "a warped belief *that* salvation for Africans will come from heaven only via the Vatican".

By pushing Monsignor Milingo to resign, the church "has *shown* itself to be totally against synthesising in Africa with ancient traditional practices . . . Africans were not made for religion, but vice versa. If that religion does not take account of their culture then it is like a sower's seed cast into a thorny bush".

The Daily Star says that the recent visit to Belfast by the Noraid group of "IRA sympathisers" from the United States "was a blunder of major proportions" and criticizes Mr Nicholas Scott, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, for saying that he would be prepared to meet them.

"What happens now? In America, local newspapers, TV and radio stations all over the country will be regaled with tales of their visit by the returning patriots. Will there be tales about criminals and thugs terrorising and killing innocent people? You bet your bottom dollar there won't".

The paper comments: "Mrs Thatcher ought to be asking, urgently, for somebody's scalp. And it looks as if it ought to be Mr Scott's."

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.77	1.69
Austria Sch	29.30	27.75
Belgium Fr	83.00	79.00
Canada $	1.90	1.82
Denmark Kr	14.96	14.26
Finland Mkk	8.81	8.41
France Fr	12.45	11.90
Germany DM	4.16	3.96
Greece Dr	140.00	129.00
Hongkong $	11.55	10.90
Ireland Pt	1.310	1.25
Italy Lira	2460.00	2340.00
Japan Yen	384.00	364.00
Netherlands Gld	4.64	4.42
Norway Kr	11.59	11.02
Portugal Esc	187.00	177.00
South Africa Rd	1.99	1.84
Spain Pta	229.50	218.50
Sweden Kr	12.22	11.62
Switzerland Fr	3.37	3.20
Yugoslavia Dnr	161.00	148.00
USA $	1.52	1.47

Rates for small denomination bank notes only.

Retail Price Index: 334.7

Roads

London and South-east: M1: Lane closures in both directions between junction 11 (Luton and 12 (Toddington.). M20: Carriageway and lane closures between junction 1 (Swanley) to junction 7 (A249 NE Maidstone). A3: Wisley, Surrey; resurfacing southbound side, one lane at times.

Wales and West: A38: Lane closures at Marsh Mills Viaduct, Lee Mill, Devon. *A429: temporary traffic* lights at Northleach, Gloucestershire. A487: Dolgellu to Machynlleth, Powys; three sets of temporary traffic lights.

Midlands: M1: Roadworks, traffic using one carriageway between junctions 15 and 16 (Northampton). M45: East ound carriageway closed; diversion. M45: Several lane closures on Telford By-pass; *diversions* at junction 5.

North: A59: Temporary signals 3 miles E of Bolton Bridge, Bolton Abbey, North Yorkshire. A174: Resurfacing with chipstones at Teeside Parkway, Easton, Middlesborough, Cleveland. M6: Lane closures between junction 25 (A49 Wigan) and junction 27 (A5209 Wigan/Standish) Greater Manchester. Roadworks until October.

Scotland: M74: Southbound carriageway closed between junctions 4 and 3 (Hamilton and Larkhill). A7: Surface damage and two sets of roadworks S of Gorebridge, Midlothian, both with temporary traffic lights. M8: resurfacing of eastbound carriageway E of junction 6 *(Airdrie); traffic sharing west bound* carriageway.

Information supplied by the AA.

Lighting-up time

London 9.02 pm to 5.10 am
Bristol 9.12 pm to 5.20 am
Edinburgh 9.30 pm to 5.07 am
Manchester 9.17 pm to 5.12 am
Penzance 9.19 pm to 5.36 am

New *autoroute*

A new section of the main autoroute from Calais to Paris opens today. The extended autoway A26 will finish 12 miles from Calais.

RAC in France

The RAC has recently opened its first roadside office in France at the toll booth entrance of the A26 at St Omer,about 25 miles from Calais and 28 miles from Boulogne.

MoT test fees

Fees for the MoT test are to go up on September 1 to £9 for cars, light vans and motorcycle combinations (old fee £7.50) and £5.40 for solo motorcycles (£4.50), the Department of Transport announced yesterday.

Weather

A ridge of high pressure will persist over the British Isles. A trough of low pressure will cross the N of Scotland.

6am to midnight

London, SE, Central S and N England, Midlands: Cloudy at first, sunny periods developing, dry; wind NE, light or moderate; max temp 22 to 24C (75 to 79F).

East Anglia, E England: Cloudy at first, sunny intervals developing, dry wind NE moderate; max temp 22 to 24C (72 to 75F), cooler on coast.

Channel Islands: Sunny periods, chance of thundery shower; wind NE, fresh or strong; mac temp 21 to 24C (70 to 75F).

SW England, Wales: Sunny periods, dry; wind NE, light; max temp 24 to 26C (75 to 79F).

NE, NW England, Lake District: Sunny periods, dry; wind W light; max temp 21 to 23C (70 to 73F).

Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Sunny periods, dry; wind moderate; max temp 20 to 22C (68 to 72F).

NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, occasional drizzle, becoming more persistent later hill and coastal fog patches; SW, fresh; max temp 15 to 17C (59 to 63F).

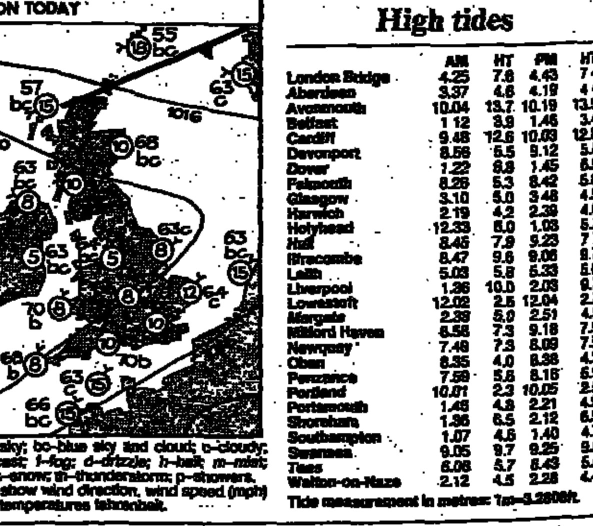
Outlook for Tomorrow and Saturday: Mostly dry and warm but with some rain over N Scotland.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea,Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind NE, fresh or strong; sea rough. St George's Channel: Wind N or NE, moderate; sea moderate. Irish Sea: Wind NE, becoming variable light or moderate; sea smooth.

Sun rises: 5.39am Sun sets: 8.32pm
Moon rises: 8.55am Moon sets: 10.15pm
First quarter: August 15.

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded
Symbols are on advancing edge

NOON TODAY



b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	19	66	Guernsey	c	17	63
Birmingham	s	20	68	Inverness	f	22	72
Blackpool	s	21	70	Jersey	c	18	64
Bristol	s	19	66	London	f	23	73
Cardiff	s	20	68	Manchester	s	22	72
Edinburgh	s	23	73	Newcastle	f	18	64
Glasgow	s	25	77	Ronaldsway	s	18	64

Highest and lowest

Highest day temp: Plymouth, 27°C (81°F); lowest day max: Butt of Lewis, 14°C (57°F); highest rainfall: Jersey, 0.4in; highest sunshine: Prestwick, nr Ayr 14.0hr.

London

Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 25C (77F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 16C (61F). Humidity: 6 pm, 60 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 8.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,019.0 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Pollen forecast

	Pollen count	Peak times
Aberdeen	high	3 to 6 pm
Basildon	low	–
Bath	low	–
Belfast	low	–
Bradford	low	3 to 6 pm
Brighton	low	–
Carlisle	low	3 to 6 pm
Darlington	low	–
Dudley	low	–
Edinburgh	med	3 to 6 pm
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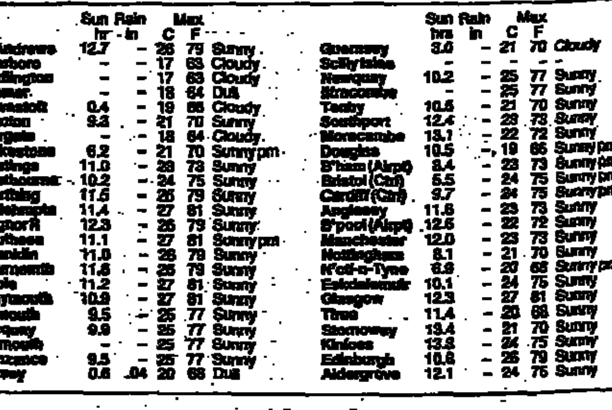
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High tides

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.25	7.8	4.43	7.4
Aberdeen	3.37	4.6	4.19	4.4
Avonmouth	10.04	13.7	10.19	13.9
Belfast	1.12	3.9	1.46	3.4
Cardiff	9.48	12.6	10.03	12.8
Devonport	8.56	5.5	9.12	5.8
Dover	1.22	6.8	1.45	6.9
Falmouth	8.26	5.3	8.42	5.6
Glasgow	3.10	5.0	3.48	4.5
Harwich	2.19	4.2	2.38	4.0
Holyhead	12.33	6.0	1.03	5.7
Hull	8.46	7.9	9.23	7.7
Ilfracombe	8.47	9.6	9.06	9.7
Leith	5.03	5.8	5.33	5.6
Liverpool	1.36	10.0	2.03	9.7
Lowestoft	12.02	2.6	12.04	2.7
Margate	2.39	5.0	2.51	4.9
Milford Haven	8.58	7.3	9.18	7.5
Newquay	7.49	7.3	8.09	7.5
Oban	8.35	4.0	8.38	4.2
Penzance	7.59	5.6	8.16	5.9
Portland	10.01	2.3	10.05	2.5
Portsmouth	1.49	4.8	2.21	4.9
Shoreham	1.36	6.5	2.12	6.5
Southampton	1.07	4.6	1.40	4.7
Swansea	9.05	9.7	9.25	9.9
Tees	8.08	5.7	8.43	5.8
Walton-on-Naze	2.12	4.5	2.28	4.4

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain



	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
St Andrews	12.7	–	26	79	Sunny	Guernsey	3.0	–	21	70	Cloudy
Scarboro	–	–	17	63	Cloudy	Scilly Isles	–	–	–	–	–
Bridlington	–	–	17	63	Cloudy	Newquay	10.2	–	25	77	Sunny
Cromer	–	–	18	64	Dull	Ilfracombe	–	–	25	77	Sunny
Lowestoft	0.4	–	19	66	Cloudy	Tenby	10.6	–	21	70	Sunny
Clacton	9.2	–	21	70	Sunny	Southport	12.4	–	23	73	Sunny
Margate	–	–	18	64	Cloudy	Morecambe	13.1	–	22	72	Sunny
Folkestone	6.2	–	21	70	Sunny pm	Douglas	10.5	–	19	66	Sunny pm
Hastings	11.0	–	23	73	Sunny	B'ham (Airpt)	8.4	–	23	73	Sunny pm
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Abroad



MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F
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